



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful winter break. We look forward to an exciting Spring Term. Our topic for this half term is '**Romans**' followed by '**Rivers and Coasts**'.

Maths	During the spring term the children will be learning about a variety of maths concepts including perimeter, times tables (3,4,& 8), multiplication and division using their knowledge of times tables followed by pictograms and bar charts. During the second half of the term, the children will learn about fractions including adding and subtraction of fractions and multiplication. Children will complete a daily fluency task in maths and will explore mathematical puzzles and problems and discuss their thinking.
English	The children are continuing to work on developing a fluent and neat handwriting style. Children will learn units about fairy tales, recounts and traditional poems. After half term, children will learn about stories from an imaginative world, non-chronological reports and poetry. Children will take part in guided reading every afternoon. Children should be reading at home to an adult every night. Please ensure you read with your child regularly and write in their reading record when you have done so. Spelling words will go home on Mondays and the children will have a spelling test on Fridays. Please help your child to learn their spellings at home to ensure ultimate success.
History	We start the new term with a history topic on the Romans. This learning will be underpinned with our trip to Dell Farm in February where the children will learn about the Romans in a creative and interactive manner.
Geography	Our Geography unit will be taught in the second half of this term and we will be learning about rivers and the water cycle.
Science	In Science we will be looking at light and dark in the first half of the term and during the second half, we will learn about magnets and forces. In both units, children will have an opportunity to conduct scientific investigations..
Art	As part of our art topics, the children will create a mosaic using a range of mediums and during the second half of the term, will learn about the famous artist Henri Rousseau.
DT	As part of our science topic, children will design and create a shadow puppet theatre. The children will then review their product.
Computing	Children will be taught about internet safety focussing on communicating online safely. Children will create a production using ICT linked to their topic and then children will learn how to pass messages across networks.
PE	The children will experience a unit linked to roman dance this half term and then hockey during the second part of the term. Children will continue to work

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Healthy Schools



	towards running the daily mile every afternoon.
SMSC	In the first half term our Jigsaw PHSE programme will be about Dreams and Goals, after half term we then focus on Healthy Me and think about the different ways of staying healthy.
RE	We will be studying the life of Jesus and covering stories relating to Easter over this term.

PE- Please be reminded that children will need a P.E. Kit in school at all times. This should be black shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earring should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children may bring a bottle of water each day, they also have access to the drinking fountain at all playtimes.

Home Learning- A piece of homework will be set fortnightly linked to their English and Maths. Please encourage your child to complete their homework. Spellings are sent home weekly, please support your child to practise their spellings ready for their test each Friday. Children also have access to Purple Mash, Education City and Mathletics which they can use anytime.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dyos, Mrs Knowles, Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Graham, Miss C Chrisostomou, Miss Moon and Miss Bowers.