



# 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 **'Europe'** followed by **'Ancient Egyptians'** in second half term.

Maths	During the spring term the children will be learning about a variety of maths concepts including properties of shape, decimal numbers, money problems, fractions as well as formal written multiplication and division of 2 and 3 digit numbers by ones. Children will complete a daily fluency task in Maths, they will explore mathematical problems and discuss their thinking. Children will also complete a daily reasoning question to further develop their mathematical thinking.
English	In the first half term we will be looking up to persuasive texts leading up to the children writing their persuasive leaflet and presenting to the class. We will also look at how we can expand our vocabulary with focus on free verse poetry. Finally we will be looking at play scripts and we will be writing and performing our own play scripts. In the second half of term we will focus on narrative poetry and analysing and writing different story settings.
History	In the second half of term we will begin our topic on Ancient Egyptians. Children will learn all about the gruesome life of an Egyptian! The term will be ended with an educational day at school based on the Egyptians.
Geography	Our Geography unit will be taught in the first half of this term and we will be learning about the continent of Europe. In this unit the children will learn about countries in Europe, their capital cities as well as their human and physical features.
Science	In Science our topic will be 'Habitats', this topic will be covered across the Spring term. In this unit children will learn to classify and group insects, look at their food chains and recognise the impact of an environmental change.
Art	As part of our art topics, the children will create pieces of art work based Monet in the first half term. In the second half of the Spring term children will work on mark making of insects and mini beasts.
DT	As part of our science topic, children will design and create a woodlouse home.
Computing	In the first half term children will be taught to create their own piece of backing music in our unit called 'We are Musicians'. In the second half of the term children will be taught to create their own webpage.
PE	The children will be learning all about invasion games in the first half of the Spring term. In the second half of the Spring term the focus will be on dance linked to our topic of 'Ancient Egyptians'. In the second half of the Spring term

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Healthy Schools



	Rowan class will begin swimming.
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	In the first half term we will focus on Sikhism and what it means to belong to a religion. In the second half of term we will be looking at how sharing food is used as part of a religious worship and will learn about the Last Supper.

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. Children in Rowan class will need to bring a swimming kit in on Wednesday.

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- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. They will have weekly spellings and will be tested on a Friday. Children will also be set a maths and topic homework. They will have 2 weeks to complete this. Often their maths homework will be an online activity from Mathletics.

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

Kind Regards,

Miss Hogg, Miss Burke, Mrs Goosetree and Mrs Butcher