



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 '**Toys**' followed by '**Queen Victoria**'.

Maths	During the spring term the children will continue to revisit topics they have already covered. Through daily maths activities we shall practise and develop oral and mental skills. These lessons will focus on counting, adding and subtracting, using money, identifying 3-d shapes and their properties. We will explore mathematical puzzles and problems and discuss our thinking.
English	The children are continuing to take part in phonics groups every morning. We will be working in our Read Write Inc workbooks to write sentences and small narratives. We will be looking at traditional tales 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.
History	We start the new term with a topic about toys and play throughout history to present day. This learning will be underpinned with our trip to the Museum of Childhood. After half term we will begin our topic about Queen Victoria and how she is an important and influential British historical figure.
Geography	Our next Geography unit will be taught in the Summer term.
Science	In Science we will be looking at seasonal changes that we can observe in our environment. Our science unit will be 'Materials and their properties' where the children will conduct a scientific investigation to test the suitability of materials for certain uses.
Art	As part of our Toys topic we will look at shade and tone, drawing pictures of toys and using pencil marks to create texture. After half term we will be looking at portraits of Queen Victoria in different media and painting our own portrait of her.
DT	As part of our topic about toys we will be designing, making and evaluating a felt hand puppet.
Computing	Children will be taught about internet safety focussing on communicating online safely. We will look at algorithms and how to use coding and beebots. We will learn how to search for images.
PE	The children will continue to have their PE lessons delivered by Borehamwood Football Club this term. They will focus on invasion games, strategic team games and health and fitness.
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

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Healthy Schools



	different ways of staying healthy.
RE	We will be covering two units, one about Belonging in which we will look at what this means in various religions. We will then learn about the Easter story.

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 and Education City 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 Weinstein and Miss Laughton