



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful Easter break. We look forward to an exciting Spring Term. Our topic for this half term is **'Living things and their habitats'** followed by **'Water Cycle'** in second half term.

Maths	During the summer term the children will be learning about a variety of maths concepts including formal written multiplication and division of 2 and 3 digit numbers by ones, converting between analogue and digital time, angles and properties of triangles, area, coordinates, positions and direction and reviewing previous learning. 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 at explanation texts linked to the book Charlie Small: Gorilla City. We will also look at how we can expand our vocabulary with focus on free verse poetry. In the second half of term we will focus on traditional tales and how they are written. We will also be learning to write a discussion text thinking about sides of an argument.
Geography	As part of our Science topic on the Water Cycle we will look at major rivers in different countries.
Science	In the first half term we will be exploring the habitats of living things and taking a walk around our local area to explore the bugs that live there. In the second half term we will be learning all about the Water cycle including solids, liquids and gases.
Art	In the second half of the summer term children will be researching and producing art work based on a European artist.
DT	As part of our science topic, children will design and create a bug hotel.
Computing	In the first half term children will be becoming familiar with Wikipedia and its problems. They will be learning produce and edit a wiki in our unit on We are Co-authors. In the second half of the summer term children will be learning to present the weather in our unit We are meteorologists.
PE	Year 4 Rowan will continue with their swimming lessons throughout Summer Term. All children will be learning: throwing, catching and running skills in Athletics in the first half of the Summer term. In the second half of the term children will be doing Cricket and will be learning to bowl and field.
SMSC	In the first half term our Jigsaw PHSE programme will be about Relationships, after half term we then focus on Changing Me and think about dealing with

Respect each other, Belonging together, Achievement for all.



	feelings about change.
RE	In summer term we will focus on sacred texts including texts from Christianity, Sikhism and Hinduism. They will discuss texts that are special to them and why religious texts are sacred.

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