



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **4 ASPEN SPRING 2024 CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful winter break. We look forward to an exciting Spring Term. Below is an overview of what we are planning to cover this term with our Year 4 pupils:

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 learning how to convert different types of measurements. Children will complete a daily fluency task in Maths; they will explore mathematical problems and discuss their thinking. Children will also complete different reasoning questions to further develop their mathematical thinking and to explore different mastery concepts.
English	In the first half of term, we are going to focus on persuasion through the use of the story, the day I swapped my dad for two goldfish. Children will learn how to develop their spoken and written language to become more persuasive and convincing. In the second half of term, we will complete a Myths and Legends unit. We will use a collection of Roman and Greek Myths as our focus text. By the end of the unit, we will have produced a diary entry and invented our own Myth. To end the spring term, we will complete a poetry unit.
Geography	In the first term our Geography topic will be Rivers. As part of this unit children will learn about River basins, springs, streams, valleys, rivers of Europe, Africa, Asia, South and North America and Australia.
History	In the second half of term our History topic will be Ancient Greece. As part of this unit, children will learn Greek City States, Athens and Sparta, The Persian Wars, Marathon and Thermopylae Greek Philosophy, The Rise of Alexander the Great, Alexander's conquests and the death and legacy of Alexander the Great.
Science	For the Spring term our Science focus is going to be States of Matter. During this unit we will look at solids, liquids and gases, the changing state when matter is heated or cooled, evaporation, condensation and the water cycle, the rate of evaporation and the link with temperature.
Art	In the second half of term our Art topic is linked to our History topic Ancient Greece. Children will create paintings related to or based on Greek myths. Artists that we will look at include Picasso and Pollaiuolo.

	used as part of a religious worship and will learn about the Last Supper.
PSHE	In the first half term our Jigsaw PHSE programme will be focusing on Dreams and Goals. After the half term we will look at Healthy Me and think about the different ways of staying healthy.
Computing	This term the children will be looking at how to format and use Excel especially by using different formulas.
PE	This term the children will be taking part in Cricket on Monday afternoons and Dance using AR with BEEE Creative on Wednesday mornings.
DT	In the first half of term we will complete a design project where children will design and create their own Pencil cases. Throughout this unit children will investigate a variety of pencil cases, learn to sew running stitch, back stitch and blanket stitch, sew on a button and create a button hole and sew toggle and loop.
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

**PE**- Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on **Monday and Wednesday** This should be plain black tracksuit bottoms (shorts in the Summer), a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. They will also need their Parkside School jumper.

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

**Water**- It is important that children bring a bottle of water each day. Please make sure the bottle has your child's name on it.

**Home Learning**- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading record. Children will be set weekly spellings and times tables to learn and will be tested on a Friday. A choice of homework will be set half termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Miss Bowler or Mr Wanless at:

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Kind Regards,

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