PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
Friday 11th June 2021

SPORTS DAY

We are awaiting government announcements before making final plans regarding a sports day event in the summer term. As these announcements may be subject to change, we will send further information closer to the time regarding the exact plans and if any spectators will be allowed. We have made provision plans or each Year group to be able to take part in sport day events within their bubble, with or without spectators.

TRANSITION DAYS

Each class will have a transfer afternoon with their new class teacher on the afternoon of Monday 12th July. We will be doing various activities based on change and transition over the coming weeks in preparation to this. Details about next years class teachers will be sent out on Friday 9th July.

VALUES

This term's value is independence! We will be encouraging the children to develop their understanding of independence and the importance of this, especially as all of our children will be progressing through the school in the near future and our wonderful year 6's will be soon moving on to secondary school! We will promoting children to make decisions, developing their confidence and ability to tackle challenging scenarios, take risks and develop their self-esteem.

CURRICULUM

I can't quite believe that we are in our final term of the year! Below are details about the curriculum topics for each year group for the summer term.

RECEPTION

This term the children are going to become dinosaur experts! Reception will be immersed into their dinosaur learning across their curriculum! We will be investigating, exploring and creating! We will be investigating fossils, building dinosaur skeletons, creating our own dinosaurs, writing dinosaur stories and poems and exploring dinosaur landscapes! We will learning all about dinosaur diets and creating our very own dinosaur healthy feast!

YEAR1

Our final topic of the year is, Our Planet and Us, which is linked to our eco-science unit all about climate change and recycling. Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunity to find out lots of information on various issues, including global warming, they will become weather reporters as well as complete lots of exciting practical activities. In addition, they will be investigating how litter can affect the environment and will then look at ways to help protect it. They will also be looking at ways of reducing, reusing and recycling through a range of projects, including improving the school grounds and also a DT project of creating a musical instrument to use in their music lessons!

YEAR 2

Howdy all, this term, year 2 will begin refining our geographical skills by exploring the famous Route 66. We will spend some time looking at a few of the stops that you could take and would pass, we will look into closer detail at the physical and human features that you would expect to see on your way. After a whistle stop tour of this journey, we will put on our rootin' tootin' history boots and will take a step back to the Wild West and be comparing what Arizona is like now and what it would have been like back then. We will look at their lifestyle, clothing and modes of transport and think about how this may be different to today's society. We will saddle up and lasso our knowledge about cowboys and their crazy ol' lives during our celebration day where we hope to recreate a

barn dance. To end, we will explore the native American crafts of dream catchers and have a go at designing and making our own. YEE-HAW!!!

YEAR 3

This term, year 3 will be learning all about the nature and plant life around us, taking a close look at our school and local environment. The children will become botanists to explore plants and how they grow, conducting lots of different investigations and learning how to grow and take care of their own plants. In combination with this, the children will be using nature as their inspiration for a variety of artwork. They will explore Andy Goldsworthy's natural collages, experiment with paint, collage and printing and produce both individual and collaborative artwork.

YEAR 4

This term Year 4 will becoming rockstars.....not just the timetables rockstars that they already are! The children will use their voices to perform a range of different genres of music across the decades. They will use tuned and untuned instruments to build own group performance, and use one or more programs to edit music, create and develop a musical composition, refining their ideas through reflection and discussion develop collaboration skills. We will also be studying the works of Kandinsky and exploring the skills and techniques he used. We will explore how one art such as music can influence artist.

YEAR 5

For the final term of this school year, year 5 will be exploring the fascinating country of India with our topic 'The Spice Trail'. Firstly, we will be exploring Sikhism to discover its origins as well as how it has become the fifth most practiced religion in the world. Then, we will be moving on to the Design Technology aspect of this exciting topic. We will be conducting product research around different flavours and packaging before creating our own Indian-inspired treats. Finally, to finish off this fascinating topic year 5 will be creating our own restaurant to showcase our delicious Indian snacks.

YEAR 6

This half-term Year 6 are embarking on an art topic where they will experiment with and explore a range of mixed media and collage techniques. After learning about a range of materials and techniques, they will have the opportunity to produce their own collages using their new skills. As well as producing their own pieces of art, they will work together to create a large collaborative piece to display in the classroom.

KEY DATES

Thursday 17th May – Year 6 sports at Moulton
Monday 21st June – Year 5 and 6 Mini Wimbledon
Wednesday 30th June – Year 3 and 4 Mini Wimbledon
Monday 12th July – Transition afternoon
Tuesday 13th July – MAT Olympics Year 6 at Bedford
Friday 16th July – Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 20th July – Last day of term!

Sports day

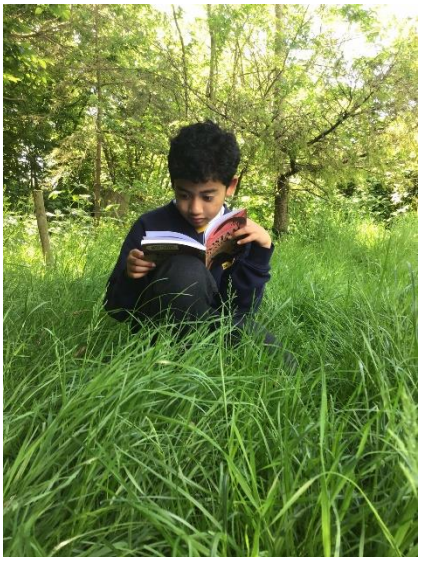
Friday 2nd July - Year 1 sports day AM
Friday 2nd July – Year 6 sports day PM
Monday 5th July - Year 2 sports day AM
Monday 5th July - Year 5 sports day PM
Tuesday 6th July - Year 3 sports day AM
Tuesday 6th July - Year 4 sports day PM
Wednesday 7th July – Reception sports day AM

Take care and have a wonderful weekend!

A few highlights from the last few weeks!

Ks2 Year groups have been very training for their very own Wimbledon!

We have been making the most of the beautiful weather and finding a great spot outside to enjoy a good book!



Year 3 have been investigating parts of a plant and exploring our own school grounds to collect natural materials to inspire some artwork!

Year 4 have been bust making bug hotels as part of their Spring watch project!