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Summer 1



Hello and welcome back! We hope you've experienced a wonderful Easter holidays and managed to enjoy some quality time with your families. We appreciate last term was slightly unusual, due to circumstances out of our control, but we can't wait to get back to our full timetable and into our new classroom!

English

We will start a new, exciting unit this half term called 'Whodunnit?' Throughout this unit, we will follow a fictional murder. In order to solve the clues, we will investigate various fictional texts and develop our skills in writing a range of non-fiction texts. We will continue to develop our reading skills and love of reading. Throughout the week we will read 'Gangster Rap' for enjoyment.

Science

This term in KS3 science, we will delve into the fascinating realm of forces and motion. Students will explore the fundamental principles governing how objects move and interact in the physical world. Through engaging experiments and theoretical discussions, we'll investigate concepts such as Newton's laws of motion, types of forces, motion graphs, and practical applications of these principles. By the end of the term, students will have a deeper understanding of the forces shaping our universe.

CALM afternoons



We are continuing with our 'CALM' afternoons this term (PSHE, Adventure, Computing and STEM). These afternoons will look to enhance children's holistic development. We want to maximise children's engagement and motivation in coming to school, by learning new skills and stepping out of their comfort zones where necessary. During their adventure afternoons, we will look to get the children off-site and outside. For our STEM afternoons, we will complete different STEM challenges each week in different teams. Clubs on a Friday afternoon will then be an opportunity to reward pupils for all their hard work the previous week.

How you could support your child:

- Show an interest in what your child is learning about;
- Ensure they come to school in the right uniform with the right equipment;
- Keep in contact with school regarding any relevant issues

Maths

In Maths, we are going to continue delivering the White Rose scheme, in accordance with the national curriculum. As a school, we understand one of our core targets is to best prepare children for transitioning back into a mainstream setting. As such, we maintain high standards of our pupils, aiming to deliver as close to age-related expectations as possible. Our Maths emphasis is on fluency and practice, and depth over breadth, in order to give our children the best chance of success. We will focus on 'Number', 'Percentages' and 'Maths and Money'.

PSHE

This term, PSHE and Personal Development will continue to be an integral part of our curriculum at Park Aspire. 'Relationships and Sex Education' will be the focus for this term, where we will look at a variety of themes. A lot of the work undertaken will be discussion led, whereby we will look at different potential scenarios based on that day's learning objective. Some of the topics will contain mature themes so we will always seek to promote an open-minded and respectful approach. Our other key themes this term are: 'Predators and Privacy - Online safety' and 'Consent & Boundaries.'

Please see the PSHE policy on the school's website regarding topics covered. If you would like your child removing from lessons, please contact school.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

- + James Project – Mechanics and biking skills
- + Jamie's Ministry of Food – Cooking and hospitality
- + Fishing
- + Building Futures – Plumbing and electric development
- + Doe Park
- + Changing Lives Through Horses – Horse riding and equine management
- + Hair & Beauty