Parkdale School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Welcome to the Summer term!

This term we are beginning another exciting new topic for Reception, as part of the whole school’s focus on “Peace, Justice and Equality”. The theme for Reception in half term one is Getting Along and Fairness, and in the second half term we will be delving into Parkdale in the Past! We will be thinking about fairness, sharing, differences and resolving conflicts. We will investigate what school was like for children at the time of Parkdale’s opening in 1929 and compare it to now. Many areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum are being taught through this theme, whereas others are taught discretely. We are also hoping to take the classes on an exciting trip (and of course complete our visits to Gedling Country Park). We will provide more details as soon as possible!

We have some exciting activities planned and would really appreciate your support with some of these. Sharing and reading Traditional Tales, and talking about how the characters behave, at home, will help build children’s confidence when talking about stories and emotions. In the second half term we will be challenging children to have a go at baking and making simple snacks.

During the term we will be setting the following homework (guide timings are in brackets):

* Daily reading (10 minutes per night)
* Activities “2-do” on Purple Mash.
* A weekly activity sheet (10 minutes a week)

Your child will have the opportunity to share their reading books with their Teachers each week. This will be recorded in their reading diaries and books will be changed when appropriate. Please note in their diaries whenever you read at home as we all are working to be Reading at Home Champions and win prizes for our class.

Thank you for all of your support,

The Reception Team