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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting Spring Term. This letter is to recap some of the routines and systems for Year 1 and to introduce some new ones.

What we will be learning

This term we will be learning about 'Inventions' and 'What's the Weather?' We will be exploring inventions with a particular focus on toys and games: our favourite toys today, when we were little, our parents' and grandparents' favourite toys, and making up new ones. There will be a trip to the V&A Museum of Childhood on February 3rd and we will give out more details nearer the time.

We look forward to sharing our in-class learning with you and will be uploading pictures to the website regularly.

Reading at home

In Year 1 we encourage the children to change their books as often as they wish, to give them ownership and responsibility for their reading. The children may choose to change books daily or keep books for longer if they have not finished, or if they wish to re-read them. To accompany their guided reading books at home, they are given blue Reading Record books. Each time your child reads, please could you complete the Reading Record with the date and title of the book and any comments you have. This record book can be completed for any reading task the children do, not just their take-home reading book.

It is essential that the children bring in their book bags every day, as we use these to send letters or work home with the children.

Writing Box

To encourage children to enjoy writing, we will be sending home a writing box with one child from each class every day. Your child is encouraged to write whatever they want with the contents; there is no obligation to bring in anything that they have written. It is essential that it is returned to school the next day so that all children have an opportunity to enjoy it.

Website www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

We will continue to place news items on the school website to keep you informed about learning taking place in Year 1 and across the school. Please visit the school website regularly. Also on the website you will find a calendar of events across the term. This is regularly updated so please use this to check for school activities. The website also contains, under the heading 'School Info', Club Timetables and Term Dates, Lunch Menus, Newsletters, School Policies and a comprehensive list of Who's Who and what their role in school is.

Home Learning

We will make a start on using Google Classroom for Home learning this half term. Ideas will be linked to our areas of learning: English, including phonics, maths and topic work. Our suggestions are by no means the only home learning the children can do. We encourage children to explore their own areas of interest at home and bring anything they wish to share into school. We will celebrate home learning on Friday afternoons and contributions will be displayed in class.

PE

Year 1 have PE with Mitch every Tuesday and must wear their labelled P.E kit for this session. It is necessary for health and safety reasons. It is also a good idea to have name labels in coats as well.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with you and your children. If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to make an appointment with us to discuss them.

Many thanks,

Jill and Kate

Head Teacher: Robin Warren