

# Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting Autumn Term. This letter is to explain some of the routines and systems for Year Five and to introduce some new ones.

## TOPICS

This term's fantastic topic is: **The Tudors**. In the first half term we will focus on the rise of The Tudors and focus on Henry VIII and attempt to answer the question: *Why did Henry VIII have 6 wives?* In the second half we will then investigate Tudor exploration, looking closely at the travels of Sir Francis Drake under the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. In English we will be creating written outcomes inspired by the Anthony Horowitz novel set in Shakespearean London: *The Devil and His Boy*.

In Science we will be learning about the movement of the Earth and other planets, relative to the moon and sun. Other highlights of the term include blogs about our trip to the Mill and coding as computer games developers!

## READING AT HOME & LIBRARY

In Year Five we expect children to be reading every day at home for at least 20 minutes. We encourage the children to change their books once a week from the library – unless reading a longer chapter book. Children can also take books from their class book corner during the week. In the back of your child's home learning book will be a reading log where your child is expected to record what they are reading throughout the week. This will give the children ownership of their reading and allow you to monitor how often and how much they are reading each night.

Therefore, it is essential that the children bring in their book bags or a bag on their library day in order to change their books regularly. Woodpeckers will visit the library on Thursday and Blackbirds on Wednesday.

## HOME LEARNING & GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We will be issuing mathematics and spelling home learning each week. This will be shared via Google Classroom along with other announcements on how to support your child at home. As previously mentioned, the children will also need to complete their reading log. Book presentations will be part of home learning. This will be set up in week 3. Home Learning will be handed out and posted on a Friday and is due in the following Thursday.

Here are some home learning ideas to complete with your children based on our Autumn topics:

- Make a model of our solar system
- Visit The Globe theatre
- Create a presentation about Tudor Monarchs
- Visit Sutton House
- Make a model of a Tudor house
- Research William Shakespeare and create a timeline of his life

Head Teacher: Robin Warren



We would also like to encourage children to research and explore topics of their own choice and share this in our weekly home learning sharing session.

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We will continue to place news items on the school website to keep you informed about learning taking place in Year Five and across the school. Also on the website you will find a calendar of events across the term. This is regularly updated so please make sure to check this. On the website, under the heading 'School Info', you will also find 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. Please visit the school website regularly.

## PE

Year Five have PE with Jordan and Dean every week on **Tuesday**. The children must wear their P.E. kit every week, as it is necessary for health and safety reasons.

## IMPORTANT DATES

The Mill: September 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>

## FURTHER TRIPS?

We understand that The Mill trip this Autumn Term has been expensive so we would like your thoughts on the possibility of taking the children on two further trips this term which would require a contribution.

The Golden Hinde: £8  
Hampton Court Palace: £7

Please return the slip below to share your opinion on this.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term with you and your children. If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to discuss them with us. We will be available:

Jemma – Monday from 3:15pm                      Paul – Wednesday from 3:15pm

Many thanks,

Jemma, Paul and Mireille

The Year 5 Team

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I would be happy to contribute towards the following trips:

The Golden Hinde: £8

Hampton Court Palace: £7

Child: .....

Parent: .....