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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! The children have made an excellent start to the term and are now settled into the Year 5 routines and expectations of learning. This letter will outline some of the areas of learning this term and what you can do to help at home.

Our new topic for this half term is **The Georgians**. We will be looking at key events of the Georgian era with a focus on the impact the Georgians had on the local area. In Science we will be learning about materials and their properties including investigations into reversible and irreversible changes (after the half term holiday).

- Reading at home is vital this year and children will have the opportunity to take home books on a regular basis. To aid this, we will have the Year 5 Reading Challenge and visit the **school library** once or twice a week. Woodpeckers will visit on Thursday and Blackbirds will visit on Tuesday. We will continue with the Reading Challenge and the children have really enjoyed reading and sharing their ideas in small groups daily as part of this.
- Maths groups have been working well and there has been some movement amongst the groups to even out numbers and group dynamics. This fluidity will continue throughout the rest of the year.
- The integrated nature of our Learning in Year 5 has been so far very successful. The children are now well trained and have a better understanding to the expectations.
- We shall continue to hand home learning out each week on Friday and while non- compulsory it is strenuously encouraged. It will be due in the following Thursday. There will be Maths, Spelling and an English/Topic task. The home learning sheet will be printed and posted on the Google Classroom. All the children have home learning books but they can also share work with their teacher on the Google Classroom or their Google Drive.
- We will place news items on the school website to keep you informed about learning taking place in Year 5 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 in addition to the Calendar pages attached. www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk
- PE and Music takes place every Friday afternoon.. It is vital children wear their PE uniforms on this day and that must happen from next Friday. The P.E kit is the school sweatshirt and polo shirt and plain black tracksuit bottoms (no stripes or logos). **From the week beginning 29th January, Year 5 PE and music will change to Wednesday morning.**
- School starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3:30pm. Children are welcome to join us in class for soft start from 8:45am. Attendance and punctuality is crucial, as continuous absence and lateness will result in your child missing important teacher instructions and learning.
- Please ensure that your child does not come to school with toys, sweets, chewing gum or jewellery. **These items are not allowed.**
- If it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone for their journey to or from school they should take it to the school office for safe keeping during the school day. The phones should be in the office by the start of the school day at 8:55am and can be picked up at 3:30pm. If children are found to have a mobile phone with them during the school day they will be confiscated.
- Children must line up in the playground at the end of the day and may only be collected from the line, unless they have written permission to leave on their own, which must be handed into the office.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term with you and your children. If you have any concerns or queries, we will be available in the playground on **Wednesdays 3:15pm**.

Many thanks,
Danielle, Rhiannon and Sophie
The Year 5 Team