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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a good break and are really pleased with the enthusiastic start to the term made by all Year 2 children so far.

Topics

During Curiosity Week, Beetles will be finding out all about Paris and France, including learning some French phrases and looking at the picture book 'A Lion in Paris'. Meanwhile, Grasshoppers will be using the theme of Pokemon to energise our learning.

Following this, our topic for the half term is **Habitats**. We will be exploring a variety of different habitats around the world and thinking about which animals live there and why. Overleaf you will find some ideas of Home Learning activities that you can do at home with your children to complement this topic.

Trips

In January, Kate Hopewell will be leading special drama workshops for both classes based around our topic. We will also be visiting Hampstead Heath for a workshop about 'Heath Beasts' in February and will write to let you know as soon as we have further information.

Reading

Please ensure your child brings in their **book bag every day** so they can change their book every morning and take notices home. We will be visiting the library once a week on the following days to return and borrow two books:

Beetles - Monday

Grasshoppers - Tuesday

Class Assemblies

We are really excited to invite you to our class assemblies this half term. Following a very successful Winter Concert in December, this is another excellent opportunity for our children to develop their performance skills and improve their confidence in speaking in front of an audience, while sharing with you some of the fantastic work we have done in class. Your child will be bringing their lines home at some point in the next few weeks and the more practice, the better! The dates for your diaries are:

Beetles - Thursday 25th January at 9.30am

Grasshoppers - Thursday 1st February at 9.30am

PE

Year 2 will continue to have **PE sessions on a Thursday** and children will need to come to school in their PE kit on this day.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality is crucial as continuous absence and lateness will result in your child missing important teacher instructions and learning.

Head Teacher: Robin Warren

Please remember to **say goodbye to your children in the playground** in the morning and then **send them up to their classroom alone**. This really helps your child to develop their independence.

Website and Home Learning www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

We will place news items on the school website to keep you informed about learning taking place in Year 2 and across the school.

There will be a weekly Spelling Quiz focusing on Year 2 spelling patterns and words on the following days:

Beetles - Wednesday **Grasshoppers - Friday**

Home learning will be updated weekly through the Year 2 Google Classroom and paper copies are also available if needed. Please make time to check this with your child every week to consolidate their school learning.

Teacher Liaison Times

If you need to speak to us, Pippa and Jacob will be available to deal with any queries you may have on a **Monday afternoon at 3:15pm in the playground**, or as usual at the end of the day when all children have been dismissed. Hannah will be the class teacher in Beetles on a Wednesday only.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with you and your children and in Beetles we are working hard to ensure that it is a smooth transition for everyone. If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to discuss them with us.

Pippa, Hannah and Jacob
Year 2 Team

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