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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a restful break and enjoyed your summer holiday. The Year 5 children have settled back well and are already working hard. We are all excited about the year ahead. This letter will outline some of the areas of learning this term and what you can do to help at home. We look forward to seeing you at our **Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 12th September at 8:45am** starting in the classroom for soft start and then moving to the middle hall at 9am, where we will discuss the events of Year 5 and our trip to The Mill in more detail.

Our topic for this half term is 'Journeys' which will be integrated with subject areas across the curriculum. Linked to this, we will be studying the text 'Shackleton's Journey' in English. Our learning this term will be heavily based around our trip to **The Mill (Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th October)**.

- 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 Friday and Blackbirds will visit on Thursday.
- Maths lessons will be taught in 3 groups split across the year group. The children have been divided into 3 mixed ability groups. The advantage of this is that children are taught in groups of 20, which maximises their time working with the class teacher and gives them the opportunity to work with different children. The groups are taught by Danielle/Laura, Sophie and Emma.
- In Year 5 this year we will continue to be working with an Integrated Curriculum. This means that children are encouraged to select the order in which they carry out and complete tasks throughout the day and week. It gives teachers the opportunity to work intensively with each child across the curriculum every week. This approach was incredibly successful in Year 5 last year and the children made excellent progress across the year. Please speak to your child and their class teacher if you have any questions.
- Home Learning will be given 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 Wednesday afternoon.. It is vital children wear their PE uniforms on this day and that must happen from next Wednesday. The P.E kit is the school sweatshirt and polo shirt and plain black tracksuit bottoms (no stripes or logos).
- School starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3:30pm. Children are welcome to join us in class for soft start from 8:45am. At Primrose Hill, ensuring high attendance and punctuality for all is a priority. We want to make sure that all children receive a full-time education that will maximise all learning opportunities. As you will know, regular school attendance means that children make better academic progress and have improved well-being. We have a legal duty to ensure that all children are attending school each day. **Our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) has given the following guide for expected attendance:**

100%	Perfect -the best they can possibly be!
98 - 99%	Excellent
95 - 97%	Good
90 -94%	Needs to improve and will be monitored closely within school
89% or less	Poor - this will lead to a referral to the EWO, a subsequent meeting and potential legal action from the local authority.

- 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 8:45am 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 by an adult, 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 please feel free to make an appointment with us to discuss them. We will also be available in the playground on **Tuesdays at 3:15pm** if you have any concerns or questions.

Many thanks,

Danielle, Laura and Sophie
The Year 5 Team