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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Year 2 have made a great start to the year so far. Most children are coming upstairs independently and they are settling well into new class routines. They are ready for new learning and are looking forward to engaging with a new curriculum.

We look forward to seeing you at our **Meet the Teacher event** on **Monday 17th September at 8:45am**, starting in the classroom for soft start and then moving to the Middle Hall at 9am, where we will tell you more about Year 2 expectations and routines.

Reading

Year 2 children will continue to change their books every day. By the end of the week your child will have been told what colour take-home reader they should be reading, so please continue to read every day with them. Both classes will also be visiting the school library weekly, on **Tuesdays**, so please ensure that your child brings in their book bag **every day** to make the most of this opportunity.

To accompany their reading at home, children should use their new yellow Reading Record books. Please add comments about your child's reading to the book or encourage your child to respond to what they have read. This parental input re-enforces to the children how important it is to read daily and impacts on their progress.

PE

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

Topic and Trips

This term's topic starts off with a short look at Brazil and then we'll be learning about London. We will be doing lots of exciting learning around this theme during the half term, before our focus changes to London in the past. We will also be going on a trip to the Tower of London and we will give you more information about this when it has been finalised. We will also be going to the Camden CLC (**see dates below**), for a computing workshop called 'We are Animators.'

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. Home learning will be updated weekly through the Year 2 Google Classroom and we will also be sending home paper copies- please make time to check this with your child **every Friday** to consolidate their school learning.

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Attendance and Punctuality

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.

To encourage the children to become more independent in Year 2, please remember to say goodbye to them **in the playground** in the morning and then send them up to their classroom alone.

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 discuss them with us. We will be available to speak to you on a **Tuesday afternoon at 3:15pm** in the playground, or as usual at 3:30pm when all the children have left.

Dates for the diary

Curriculum meeting - Monday 17th September 8:45am

Tower of London trip - TBC

CLC - Monday 19th November (Beetles), Friday 23rd November (Grasshoppers)

Cecil Sharp House Performance - Thursday 6th December

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you this year.

Pippa, Becca and Mireille
Team Year 2