Primrose Hill Primary School

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Tuesday 15th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful holiday and a great new year. This letter is to reiterate some of the routines for Year 3, to outline important dates for the coming term and to explain the areas of learning for this term and what you can do to help your child at home.

IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some dates to put in your diary:

Wednesday 16th January - Francis Crick Institute Workshop (In class with children only) Friday 1st February 2019- trip to The Unicorn Theatre to see Icarus.

Here are some important pieces of timetable information for you:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bats - library	P.E. and	Home	Squirrels -	Home Learning
	<u>Music.</u>	Learning due	library	goes out.
Class based	Children must	in.		
P.E	wear P.E. kits			
	and trainers.			
Home reading				
Bring your book				
bag to school.				

HOME LEARNING & GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We will continue to issue home learning on **Fridays**. This will be shared via Google Classroom along with other announcements on how to support your children at home. Paper copies of the homework are also issued each week. All children will have home learning books, but they can also share work with us on Google Classroom or on their Google Drive. All home learning should be completed by Wednesday. Home Learning is celebrated and acknowledged each week, either through adult marking or through a whole-class sharing session, when children have an opportunity to share work they are particularly proud of.

TOPIC

This term our topic is **Architecting Life.** We will begin by studying **Ancient Greece**, and focusing on the influence of Ancient Greek architecture on Modern Britain and western civilisation. For our science topic, we will be looking at **Animals including humans**, focusing on how the skeleton and supporting muscles aid movement. As part of this topic we will have a visit from The Crick Institute of Science during science week.

Here are some more home learning ideas for your child to do:

- Take a walk around your local area and try to find Ancient Greek influences in the building.
- Visit the Greek galleries in the British Museum.
- Visit The Grant Museum (UCL) to see the real skeletons of a number of different animals.
- Make a model of an animal skeleton using recycled newspaper.

- Find out what exercises can be done to strengthen different muscles.
- · Keep a food diary for a week and analyse your sugar intake. Present your findings on a graph.

WEBSITE

Please remember to use the school's website. Important information can be viewed there easily and examples of your children's work are displayed on it regularly. The website's address is: www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

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.
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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 make an appointment with us to discuss them. Paul will also be available on Wednesdays and Chantel on Thursday from 3:15pm in the playground.

Many thanks,

Paul Baron Thomson and Chantel Thompson The Year 3 Team