

# Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Our topic for this half term is **Mexico and The Mayans**. This will follow on from our learning about Mexico last half term and take a historical look at the country and it's people.

- 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.
- We will be continuing with the Reading Challenge in Year 5 this term. The children's motivation and excitement around the challenge last term was brilliant - let's keep it up! It is really important that the children are reading their book for the agreed amount of time each night and bringing it into school every day to discuss with their group.
- 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.
- Our Integrated Curriculum in Year 5 has been very successful so this year. For the last half term of Year 5, we are now using whole class teaching in English and Topic to help prepare the children for the challenge of Year 6.
- 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, English and a 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](http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)
- PE and Music takes place every Wednesday morning. It is vital children wear their PE uniforms on Wednesdays for the lesson. 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. **If an adult is collecting your child who does not usually do so then please inform the office in advance as we cannot let any child leave without permission.**

### Key Dates

**Thu 21st June - All Year 5 to the Regents Park Mosque**

**Tue 16th July - Key Stage 2 Sports Day**

**Tue 23rd July - School closes at 1.30pm**

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, Sophie and Laura  
The Year 5 Team