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Monday 9th November

Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term. Although we are navigating through a very challenging time, our aim continues to be to provide the children with a welcoming environment in which they can learn and feel secure.

The children have now settled into Ladybirds class and there has been an abundance of wonderful learning going on, which we look forward to building on this half term. Our focus is, 'Festivals', which will include Halloween, Fireworks, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas. Our focus story is 'The Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We will be encouraging the children to make their own spells by following instructions in Literacy and thinking of the language of more and less in maths.

We will soon be sending out a simple questionnaire, asking you about important celebrations to you and your family, so that we can incorporate this into our planning.

Punctuality & Attendance

It continues to be really important that children arrive and are collected promptly according to the timings below to support social distancing and to keep everyone as safe as possible. A reminder that adults and carers should be wearing a mask when collecting their child.

Contacting the school is more crucial than ever at the moment; it is vital that you call or email the school if your child or any other member of your family develops Covid symptoms and/or you are isolating:

0207 772 8500 or email admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

Attendance is compulsory for all children, but we understand that some absences may occur. Again, regular contact and communication to our office about illness and medical appointments is crucial.

Please see our website for our Attendance Policy and Addendum Policy.

Start Time and Gate: 9:00am at the main gate

Exit Time from the Ladybirds gate to the outside area at 3:00/3.10pm

The Office:

Please call the school office if you have any questions. If you do need to come *into* the office you must use the gate entrance from the street and not come in through the school. Please follow social distancing and sanitise your hands once inside and wear a mask.

Head Teacher: Robin Warren

Acting Head Teacher: Mireille Alwan

Additional Key Teaching Staff:

PE Team - Jordan & Dean

Music - Tom

Higher Level Teaching Assistants - Heather Healy, Isabel Murphy, Sandra Grogan & Maggie Muir

PE

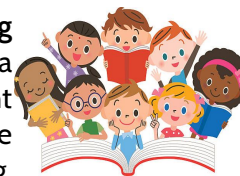
Your child's PE session with Jordan & Dean will continue to be every **FRIDAY**. Children need to come into school in their PE kits on this day. During these sessions, Jordan & Dean will be social distancing from all children in the class. Teaching Assistants from their class bubble will attend these sessions and will administer any first aid required. All equipment will be suitably sanitised between groups and contact sport will be avoided when possible.

Music

Music sessions with Tom will continue to be every Friday. As with PE, Tom will be social distancing from all classes and will be supported by the Teaching Assistants from their class bubble. Recorders and other wind instruments will not be used, and all other equipment will be suitably sanitised between groups and suitable music activities chosen.

Reading

Guided reading has now started in class. **If you haven't already bought a book bag these can be purchased from the office for £3.50.** You will see inside their book bag a selected guided book to read with your child on a daily basis, this book has a bright fluorescent sticker on it. With this book there is an information sheet, in which the teacher will have highlighted areas of focus that will support your child in their reading. It is important that these books are kept safe and returned each week on their reading day, in their book bag, ready to be changed by the teacher. Please speak to the teachers if you are unsure of your child's reading day. If books go missing we will unfortunately have to charge you to replace them.



The **Reading Eggs usernames and logins have now been sent out.** Please login and have a go. Let us know if you have any questions.

Sharing your child's learning

We capture some of the learning your child engages in by using an app called 'Tapestry'. This enables us to share the varied and wonderful experiences your child engages in at school. **Please activate your account on the email sent to you** and you will be able to see their wonderful learning, as well as you can share their experiences from home with us.

Home Learning

Please take up the opportunity to engage in some, or all of the fun ideas listed at the end of this letter. These carefully selected ideas are to support and guide your child's learning at home.

Toys at school

Please remind your child that we discourage them from bringing in their own toys to school. They can easily be lost or broken and this causes much upset.

Water and fruit

We provide fruit for the children, though each child will need their own **named bottle of water** each day. We will be able to refill them when needed. If you would like to donate a couple of extra pieces of fruit a week to the classroom that would be gratefully received.

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Healthy Eating and Malleable Play

Cooking with children offers a wide variety of learning experiences, for example Numeracy, Communication and Language, Understanding the World and Physical Development can all be taught in one cooking session. To help support this, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **50p** a week, where we will be able to buy the ingredients and resources needed. We will place a donation jar outside the classroom, or if you prefer, this adds up to £3.50 over the half term, where you can make your contribution in one go rather than finding coins each week. We really appreciate your support, thank you!

Dressing for school

As we are now in winter and the days are colder and wetter, please make sure that your child comes to school every day in a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for the classroom and ensure your child's clothing is named.



A gentle reminder that your child needs a soft bag with a change of clothes to be left in school, hanging on your child's peg.

As part of our safety precautions in school we are keeping the windows and doors open in our classroom to ensure the room is ventilated. This means that it can get cold even with the heating on! Please make sure your child comes in with layers to wear, including a warm jumper.

For further information, please make sure you regularly check the school website www.primrosehill.sch.uk Here, you can find the school's Risk Assessment on the News page - this will be continually updated in response to the most up to date guidance from the Government.

And finally...

A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. Remind them to 'have a go' at things they find difficult. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them 'you can do it'. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child's successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

We look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead with you all. If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many thanks,

The Ladybirds Team

Communication and Language

Talk about the festivals and celebrations that are special to your family, perhaps you might come in and share your experiences with your classmates.

Talk about the change in the season and what this looks like. Think about the colours of the leaves, the fog in the sky etc...

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Practise sharing toys with your family.

Enjoy telling stories about your day over dinner or breakfast. Share the best and worst parts of your day and why. Its good to talk!

Numeracy

Have fun playing various maths games and practising to count forwards and backwards with your counter.

Help your grown-ups at the supermarket counting out and weighing up fruit and veg into your shopping basket. Then have a go at paying for some of these items.

Have fun exploring capacity using water to fill up different sized containers and have a go at estimating how many spoonfuls/cupfuls of water it will take to fill your containers, half way, to the top, etc...

Here are the seven areas of learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage. In each of the boxes, you will find some useful ideas on home learning! Our topic this half term is, "Festivals"

Physical Development

Practise zipping up coat independently.

Practise climbing skills

Challenge yourselves to take some risks in the park/playground. And have fun kicking and throwing up the Autumn leaves

Literacy

Help to write a card to a friend or family member and have a go at posting it!

Can you play waiter/waitress game at home. Have a go at taking orders and writing these down on your special notepad.

Help to write out your weekly shopping list and try to use some of the sounds you know

Understanding of the World

Go on an adventure to the woods/park/forest and collect your autumnal objects for your collage

Can you help at home with cooking and making a special meal for your family.

Expressive arts and Design

Make an autumnal collage of the things you find on a trip to the park

If there are gifts to wrap, have a go.

Have a go at putting on a show for your family. Can you sing, dance, act or tell a joke?

Make props for your show.

Use some recycled materials to make some percussion instruments to add sound to your show.