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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.

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: Please remember that the Year 4 start time is 8:55am and entry is via the Scooter gate. We would be very appreciative if your child could arrive at the scheduled time. This will help with avoiding crowds outside and inside the building.

Exit Time from the UPPER playground: 3:20pm.

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.

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 Thursday. 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

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will administer any first aid required. All equipment will be suitably sanitised between groups and contact sport will be avoided.

Music

Music sessions with Tom are being held in the hall to provide extra space for these sessions. 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

We will still have a book corner in our classrooms where the children will be able to select books and read during guided reading sessions, though the shared library will not be in use. Where books from class are taken home, these will be sanitised upon return before being redistributed. As reading is a priority for all children, the school has also invested in **Reading Eggs** online reading programme - all children should have received a log in, but you can ask in the office if you have mislaid this.

Curriculum

We will be adapting the curriculum continually this half term and beyond to meet the needs of our learners - whilst ensuring it remains broad and balanced. This half term's focus will be around Science.

Attached is our Autumn 2 Curriculum overview with more information.

Home Learning

Home Learning will continue to be posted on Google Classroom weekly. Please continue to read daily from a range of text types, practice Maths skills through games and online websites, with a particular focus on times tables and spelling.

Water & Dressing for school

Please remember to send your child into school with a bottle of water.

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.

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.

Many Thanks,

Alice Doran, Marina Castelo Branco & Danielle Bowmaker

The Year 4 Team

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Our termly overviews are going to look a bit different this year as we focus on re-establishing and embedding new routines and expectations, rebuilding our community and relationships and focusing on the wellbeing of our pupils, their families and our staff. Curriculum wise this will mean ongoing and constant assessment; identifying and addressing gaps, particularly in maths and english, will be the priority. Below is an outline for the second half of the Autumn Term. Thank you, the Year 4 Team.

Our topic in Year 4 this half term will be 'Food for thought'

English	Maths	Wider Curriculum
<p>English teaching and learning will be made up of English sessions, Guided Reading sessions and spelling sessions. Lessons will be planned in response to the children and adapted to their needs.</p> <p>Our books this half term: <i>One plastic bag</i> and /or <i>The undefeated</i></p> <p>Our focus this half term is going to be on: Explanation text linked to Science for non-fiction</p> <p>We will continue to focus on sentence structure by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop understanding of compound sentences, fronted adverbials, subordinate clauses extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause 	<p>Maths teaching and learning will be constantly adapted in response to the children's needs.</p> <p>Our focus this half term is going to be on: Addition and subtraction mental strategies and written methods.</p> <p>Times tables - we will continue to push with this, and focus on 6x, 7x and 9x tables. All tables should be learnt to 12th multiple, including corresponding division facts.</p> <p>Year 4 will have a multiplication table check (test) in the Summer Term, so fluency of timetables will continue to be a focus throughout Year 4.</p>	<p>Circle Time sessions once a week</p> <p>PSHE Focus: Healthy eating and drugs.</p> <p>Science focus: Animals, including humans. We will start by looking at the The Digestive System and cover these objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and name the parts of the human digestive system and explain their function with particular focus on the mouth, tongue, oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestine. Identify and describe the different types of human teeth and explain their function <p>Art Focus: Looking at form and how to sculpt clay and/or other moldable materials to create a planned 3D shape(s).</p>

*Please note: this planning is likely to change based on continuous assessment of the children's learning needs.