

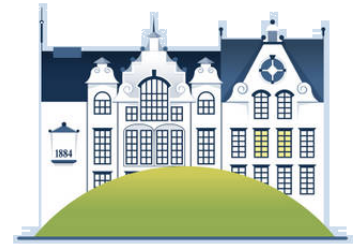
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Tuesday 10th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you and your families are well and happy in these uncertain times. It has been so lovely to see all of Year 2 back this week looking so refreshed and happy after their holiday. They have had a great start to the year last half term and it has been lovely to see them settling into their new classes and routines. They are ready for their new learning and are really engaged in our curriculum.

Year 2 Phonics Check

We have scheduled our phonics screening to commence **during November**. Children will complete the screening individually with their class teacher or a member of SLT in a quiet and informal setting and will be asked to read 40 words aloud – both real and nonsense words known as ‘alien names’. There is no time limit for the check so the children can take as much or little time as they need. If your child is struggling, we will stop the check. As with all assessments we undertake at Primrose Hill School, this will be very relaxed and will not be stressful to your child in any way. We hope they will see it as a fun quiz. We will inform you in your parents consultation of your child’s result. We will be providing support for any children who did not read the required number of words and these children will get another opportunity to do the Phonics Screening Check at the end of Year 2.

Punctuality & Attendance

It is important that children arrive and are collected promptly according to the timings below to support social distancing and 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: 8:45am at the main gate

Exit Time from the lower playground: 3:10pm

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. This is particularly important at the current time because we are unable to have any parents in the building due to safety precautions.

It is also important that the children arrive on time for our start time of 8:45am. We do not have a soft start any more so if they arrive later than this they will be missing learning time. Please speak to one of the Year 2 adults if you have any difficulties with this.

Head Teacher: Robin Warren

Acting Head Teacher: Mireille Alwan

To ensure we are all keeping safe, please social distance from the staff and other parents in the playground and wear a mask. If you are unable to come to school to talk to us, please contact the school office and ask to make an appointment to speak with us.

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.

PE

Your child's PE session with Jordan & Dean will be every **Tuesday**. 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.

They will also have an extra PE lesson on **Fridays**. They don't need to wear their PE kits for this but should wear comfortable clothes and trainers.

Music

We will continue to have music every week on a **Tuesday** and we will be starting to prepare for our Christmas concerts this half term. These will be happening a little bit differently this year - more details to follow later on in the term.

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.

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 and have started using the programme. We have also been using it together in school. If you have any questions or difficulties getting access, we are happy to help!

This half term, we will be sending your child home every **Friday** with three reading books; two will be matched to their reading colour to read independently and one will be chosen from our class book corner to share. They should return these books the following Friday and they will then be quarantined in school. We are currently unable to send a reading record book home so if you would like to update us on how your child is getting on with their books, you can send us a message on the Google Classroom home learning assignment for that week.

Please also make sure that your child brings in a book bag on Fridays to take their books home in.

Home Learning

We have been assigning home learning for all of the children every Friday on our Google Classroom. If you have any difficulties accessing this please speak to a member of the Year 2 team. Alongside this, you can also continue with reading, practicing Maths skills through games and online websites, focusing on fluency of number, and practicing handwriting and spelling.

Curriculum

We will be adapting the curriculum continually this year to meet the needs of our learners - whilst ensuring it remains broad and balanced. For now, school trips will be restricted to local walks around the area.

Attached is our Autumn 2 Curriculum overview.

Water and fruit

We are able to provide all the children in Year 2 with the option of fruit at break times. They are also able to bring in their own healthy snack each day if they prefer. Each child will need their own named bottle of water each day. We will be able to refill them when needed. We will not be able to provide water bottles for the children.

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. This is especially important during this time when they are unable to bring things in from home.

Dressing for school

As the days begin to become colder and wetter, can we please ask 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. Please ensure your child's clothing is named. Any unnamed clothing left in the school at the end of each day has to be thrown away.

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. You will also find information on the website outlining all the procedures you should follow if your child is unwell.

And finally...

A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. It has been fantastic to see all of the children using their growth mindsets this year so far to tackle challenges in the classroom and beyond. They have settled brilliantly into Year 2 and have impressed us all with the way they have approached our new routines and protocols.

We completely understand that these are challenging times for our children and their families, so do let us know if there is anything further we can do to support you. If you would like to speak to us, you can let the office know and we are happy to arrange a time to call or email. Alternatively, you are welcome to chat to us in the playground at the end of the day. We are looking forward to continuing to share the exciting year ahead with you all and seeing the children's smiling faces in school each day.

If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many Thanks,

Sophie & Chrystal
The Year 2 Team



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 half term. Thank you, the Year 2 Team.

Our topic in Year 2 this half term will be 'The Great Fire of London'

English	Maths	Wider Curriculum
<p>English teaching and learning will be made up of English sessions, Guided Reading sessions and phonics/spelling sessions. Lessons will be planned in response to the children and adapted to their needs.</p> <p>Our books this half term: Seasonal poetry Major Glad, Major Dizzy Traditional Tales</p> <p>Our focus this half term is going to be on: - Writing sentences using correct punctuation - Discussing and retelling stories and developing our comprehension - Handwriting and letter formation - Beginning to learn the Year 2 tricky words - Continuing with reviewing and extending our phonics knowledge</p>	<p>Maths teaching and learning will be constantly adapted in response to the children's needs. This half term we will be continuing with the Year 2 objectives we started last half term.</p> <p>Our focus this half term is going to be on: Addition and Subtraction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add and subtract two numbers using concrete resources, pictorial representations and mental methods - Solving problems using addition and subtraction - Recall and use addition facts up to 20 - Find and make number bonds to 10 and 100 <p>Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognise coins and notes - Count coins in pounds and pence 	<p>PSHE Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand how the UK parliament is formed - Understand how to resolve conflict peacefully <p>History Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore the events of the Great Fire of London - Use a range of sources to answer questions about the past - Know the names of significant local people and places from the past <p>Science Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying, observing and comparing materials and their properties - Carrying out a scientific investigation <p>DT Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring and using clay - Designing, researching and building houses to recreate the Great Fire of London <p>Circle Time sessions once a week</p>

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

Head Teacher: Robin Warren Acting Head Teacher: Mireille Alwan