

# Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back! We hope you and your child/ren had a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. We are looking forward to our last term together and have planned many exciting activities.

## Curriculum Overview:

We will continue to adapt the curriculum 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 **Life Cycles**. We will be focusing on the story of **Jack and the Beanstalk**, where we will be exploring the life cycle of a bean and growing our own beanstalks! We hope at the end of this half term to be lucky enough to be hatching some chicks!

In maths we are going to be using quantities and objects to add and subtract numbers, counting on or back to find the answer. We will also be solving problems, including doubling, halving and sharing. We will be focusing on using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects. We will be recognising, creating and describing patterns. In addition to this, we will be exploring characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and using mathematical language to describe them.

In phonics, we have now finished teaching phase 2 and 3 sounds (all single letter sounds and some digraphs such as **sh** and **oo**). This half term, we will be consolidating our phonic knowledge and working towards both reading and writing sentences independently.

## 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](mailto: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: Group 1: 8:45am / Group 2: 9:00am at the main gate**

**Exit Time from the Ladybirds gate to the outside area: Group 1: 3:15pm / Group 2: 3:30pm**

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### 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 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 are continuing with guided reading every week and your child will bring home 2 new books to share each week. **It is really important that they have their book bags in school on their reading day. If you are unsure what day this is, please speak to Lia or Maria. Book bags can be purchased from the office for £3.50.** With their book, you will find we are now using reading diaries, 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. If books go missing we will unfortunately have to charge you to replace them.



Please continue to use **Reading Eggs** at home to support your child with reading and access to a wider variety of books. If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to one of us.

### 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.

### 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

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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!

As we become gardeners this term with our life cycles/growing theme, we will be doing lots of planting and growing. If you have any spare soil, seeds, saplings or gardening tools you could spare, we would be extremely grateful for any donations. We will also be using the 50p contributions towards this.

### **Dressing for school**

It is really important during these Summer months that your child is wearing suitable clothing; as we know the weather in the UK changes daily. We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for the classroom and ensure your child's clothing is named. The children spend a lot of time outdoors so please make sure they have a named sunhat on warmer days. Also, please wear suitable shoes that your child can take on and off independently. Velcro straps are preferable to laces and also closed toe shoes / sandals are more practical and safe.

Please apply sunscreen to your child **before** they come to school in the morning. We cannot apply sunscreen to your child and they are not able to do it themselves.

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.

### **Communication:**

For further information, please make sure you regularly check the school website [www.primrosehill.sch.uk](http://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.

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

Many thanks,

The Ladybirds Team

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