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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back! We hope you and your child/ren had a restful and enjoyable half term holiday and managed to enjoy the lovely weather we have been having. We've nearly made it to the end of this academic year and are so proud of all the achievements the children have had during this very challenging year. We are excited about our last half term together and have planned many fun activities. This letter will outline some of the important details about this half of Summer Term, please also read the letter that was sent to you last Friday by Phil.

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: 8:45 - 9:00 am at the Main gate

Exit Time from the Ladybirds classroom: 3:15 - 3:30 pm

Please remember our liaison morning is Tuesday at 8:45am on the lower playground

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Curriculum Overview:

Head Teacher: Phil Allman

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 topic is Journeys. We will be focusing on the stories of *Naughty Bus* by Jan Oke and *Mr Gumpy's Outing* by John Burningham. We are hoping to end this topic with a possible trip on a canal boat to Little Venice and back (Covid regulations permitting!)... watch this space...
Also we will be preparing the children for their transition into Year 1, meeting their new teachers and visiting their new classrooms, another important journey that they will be making.

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.

Please continue to use Mathseeds to support your child: <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

In **phonics**, we have now finished teaching phase 2 and 3 sounds. This half term, we are continuing to consolidate our phonic knowledge and working towards both reading and writing sentences independently.

Home Learning:

Please have a look at the post on Tapestry called 'Home Learning Ideas'. It has lots of ideas and suggestions for how you can help your child at home.

Reading:

We are continuing with guided reading every week and your child will bring home 1 guided reading book and a selection of phonics and story 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 via your SchoolMoney account.**

With their book, you will find we are 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** <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> 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.

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.

Toys at school

Head Teacher: Phil Allman

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 & 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. Please remember during the summer months wearing sunscreen, covering shoulders and wearing a hat (if possible) are important. 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.

If you wish for your child to reapply sunscreen at lunchtime, we can look after it in the classroom. Unfortunately, we cannot apply sunscreen for them but we can support them in doing it for 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.

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

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!

Communication:

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 as well as our remote learning

Assessment:

As a school, we continue to assess children using both formative and summative assessments. This includes:

- using our knowledge of the children from observing them through guided, paired and independent learning
- moderating their learning by looking through children's books & any other work
- using end of year objectives to help assess children's attainment

End of Early Years Assessment (Reception)- class teachers will continue to moderate children's learning and attainment based on the 17 areas of learning. All children in every year group will receive assessments around their attainment on their end of year report.

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.

Please do remember to come and speak to us during our liaison time if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Lia and Maria , The Ladybirds Team

Head Teacher: Phil Allman