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Monday 7th March

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school! We have already had a great start to this half term with our STEAM exhibition and have lots more exciting learning planned for this half term. Overleaf you will find our Spring 2 Curriculum overview with more information about what we will be learning in class.

Curriculum

This half term's focus is **Animals!** We will be visiting London Zoo again and learning to identify and classify animals from around the world. Leading on from our Vets in Action workshop, we will also be setting up our own role play Veterinary practice. In English, we will be learning about traditional tales and our focus text will be The Three Little Pigs. There will be lots of opportunities for drama and re-telling of the story!

Attached is our curriculum overview for this term, which gives more details about the subjects and objectives we will be covering.

Reading

Phonics: We will continue to teach phonics on a daily basis.

Reading with the teacher: Three days a week, your child will read a new book with their teacher/ TA. They will then bring this book home to read with you. You will know which book it is as it will have 'Collins Big Cat Phonics for Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' in the top left corner.

Please look at the instructions on the inside cover to help you support your child's reading at home.

The book will then need to be returned **every Monday** so that the sets can be collected in. A new book will be sent home before the end of each week. Please continue to bring in your book bag every day.

It is really important that you look after the book and return it. Each book is part of a set that is needed for a group of readers. If you lose the book we will ask for a payment of £5.00 so we can replace it. Until the book is returned (or paid for if lost) we will not be able to provide a new book.

Reading for pleasure: Your child will also be given the opportunity to take home a book of their choice to read for pleasure. They can select a new book **every day**.

Children will continue to visit the school library every **Tuesday**. Books will need to be returned the following week, otherwise they will not be able to exchange them for a new one.

Home Learning

Head Teacher: Phil Allman

We will continue to hand out home learning **every 2 weeks (on alternate Fridays)**. This will include a maths, topic and phonics/spellings activity. Please read through the instructions carefully with your child and support them to complete the activities if needed. The children will have 1 week to complete the home learning, so please ensure it is returned by the following Friday.

Parental Engagement

As restrictions are easing in wider society, we anticipate that we will soon be able to invite parents and families into the building to restart some of our regular events from before the pandemic, including our parent workshops and opportunities to see your child's work and classroom. We will be in touch soon with further details about these opportunities in the next few weeks.

PE & Music

Your child's PE & Music session will be every Wednesday. Children need to come into school in their PE kits on this day. PE will be held outside where possible so please make sure your child wears their PE jumper.

Punctuality & Attendance

It continues to be really important that children arrive and are collected promptly.

START OF THE DAY - A reminder that we have returned to the *Soft Start* system at the beginning of the school day. All children will be welcomed through the main gate between 8:45 - 9:00am each morning. After 9:00am the gate will be closed and any latecomers will need to come through the main school gate rather than the vehicle entrance.

END OF THE DAY - Children will be ready to collect from their classroom at 3:25pm. There is no need to queue down Princess Road but please be mindful of the numbers of people entering the school site at the end of the day and to maintain social distancing as much as possible. We are aware restrictions are ending in society but it is important we remain cautious up to the end of this term.

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

DfE Covid guidance has been updated and our advice is updated in line with this:

If children show any symptoms whilst they are in school we will still be sending them home.

- Anyone with symptoms should take a PCR test, stay at home and follow government guidance if positive
- People who have tested positive will continue to be advised to stay at home for five full days and then receive two negative test results on consecutive days before returning to their workplace or setting
- Anyone with one or more symptoms of coronavirus - a high temperature, a new continuous cough; or a loss or change in sense of smell or taste - should self-isolate and book a test or call 119

This will be subject to change as the term goes on and Phil will update you over the coming weeks about any adaptations to this.

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

Head Teacher: Phil Allman

Additional Key Teaching Staff:

PE Team - Jordan

Music - Tom

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

Water & Dressing for school

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

We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for the classroom and ensure your child's clothing is named. We may be in spring but the weather as we have seen has been variable! Please make sure that your child comes to school with a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat, suitable for every kind of weather.

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 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.camden.sch.uk

If you would like to speak to the teacher, you can email the school admin and they will be in touch directly.

Many Thanks,

Sophie T & Hatty, and the rest of the Year 1 Team

Head Teacher: Phil Allman

