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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a lovely holiday and are looking forward to a great half term. We're officially half way through Year 5, with lots of thrilling learning planned and overleaf you will find our Spring 2 Curriculum overview with more information about what we will be learning in class and some more details about plans this term.

Curriculum

This half term's focus is **Onwards and Upwards**.

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

Reading

Each class has a weekly slot to explore the wide range of books available in the library. Year 5's slot is on Thursday, so please ensure that your children are bringing these books back on **Thursday morning** when they have finished reading them at home. Your child should bring their book bag in every day and should be reading every day at home.

Our book corners have flourished since the beginning of the year and the children have been able to select books from and read in these environments during guided reading sessions. The books in the book corner are for class reading only, they will be able to take the library books that they choose home along with their Reading Challenge book. As you know, the school has invested in the **Reading Eggs** online reading programme - all children have already received a log in, but you can ask in the office if you have mislaid this.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be distributed on **Fridays** and we expect children to complete their Home Learning by the following **Wednesday**. Please continue to read everyday and practice Maths skills through games and online websites such as **Times Table Rockstars** (you will have logins for this exciting new program soon!), focusing on fluency of number. You should also spend time practicing your handwriting and spelling.

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.

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PE & Music

Your child's PE & Music session will be every **Tuesday**.. 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 in the playground when the gates open 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.

Despite the guidance on Covid 19 changing over the next few weeks we have been provided with DfE guidance up to the point tests cannot be accessed freely. This is as follows:

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

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.

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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.

We're excited to get stuck into an exciting half term! If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to make an appointment with us to discuss them.

Many Thanks,

Georgia and Paul
The Year 5 Team

Head Teacher: Phil Allman

