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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school! We have already had a great start to this half term with a start to our new topic. Overleaf you will find our Summer 1 Curriculum overview with more information about what we will be learning in class.

Curriculum

This half term's focus is **The Wonders of Water**, which we will kick off by learning about where water comes from. We will also be finding out about life under water and plan to go pond dipping in our very own school pond to see what we can find! Our focus text will be Billy's Bucket, which we will use to understand the key elements of a story (setting, characters etc.) The children will then be writing their own adventures!

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. On **Friday**, 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 **on or before the following Friday** so that the sets can be collected in. 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**, therefore please continue to bring book bags in on a daily basis. We are adapting our existing reading diaries to accommodate the new reading programme and these will be in your child's book-bag when they are complete. We encourage you to share these with your child, add comments and support your child to make their own comments.

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.

Healthy Eating/PSHE

Our PSHE focus this term will be on healthy eating. We are very fortunate to have a parent volunteer who will be coming in every alternate Friday morning to run food related sessions in your child's class. The foods they will be using are carefully selected to promote a healthy lifestyle and to encourage

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children to try foods they may not have come across before or are unsure of. **As there will be a cost to provide the food/resources, we ask again for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week (or alternatively £3 for the half term).**

Home Learning

We will continue to hand out home learning **every 2 weeks (on alternate Fridays)**. This will include a maths, phonics, spellings and once a term a topic 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

We are planning to 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 before 9am, as the first lesson of the day is an important one. Our 'soft start' continues 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.

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.

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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

We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for the classroom and ensure your child's clothing is named. Now that the weather is getting warmer we would like to remind you that shoulders should always be covered. Please also ensure your child brings a hat and a full water bottle to school every day. If you would like your child to use sunscreen, please apply it before they come to school. If they need to top up during the day, they can bring in their own **named** bottle as long as they are able to apply it themselves. It is also important that they do not share this with their friends as we have allergies in the class.

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, as the weather is still changeable even in Summer!

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 & Hatty
The Year 1 Team

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