# Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school for our final term of the year. We have lots of fabulous learning planned for this half term. Overleaf you will find our Summer 2 Curriculum overview with more information about the subjects and objectives we will be covering.

#### Curriculum

This half term's focus is 'Explorers'. The children will be learning about two significant explorers, Amelia Earhart and David Attenborough and will become mini explorers themselves. This will lead on to learning about the continents of the world and the countries that make up the UK. We will also look at where our food comes from, the weather and planting.

## 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 £6.50 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 have now adjusted our reading diaries to fit in with the new phonics programme. Please read through it carefully so that you understand how it is used and 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.

## **Home Learning**

We will continue to hand out home learning every 2 weeks (on alternate Fridays). This will include 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.

# Classroom Drop In

We know that there have been limited opportunities for parents and families to come into the building to see the childrens' learning and the school environment this year. This half term, every year group will be hosting parents for a drop-in session, where you will be able to come into your child's classroom and see the learning we have been doing together.

Our Year 1 drop in will be a maths 'Stay and Play' on Tuesday 28th June at 9am until 9:30am. The children will learn how to play a maths game in class and during the visit they will teach you how to play and play it with you.

Next year, we are also looking forward to restarting some of our regular events from before the pandemic, including our parent workshops, STEAM exhibitions and other opportunities to see your child's work and classroom.

#### 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.

# Additional Key Teaching Staff:

PE Team - Jordan

Music - Tom

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

# **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.

## Covid-19

Our current procedures for illness and suspected Covid 19 are:

## **Adults**

Adults who have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. At the end of this period, if you have a high temperature or feel unwell, try to follow this advice until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and you no longer have a high temperature if you had one.

Although many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days, some people may be infectious to other people for up to 10 days from the start of their infection. You should avoid meeting people at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19, especially those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, despite vaccination, for 10 days after the day you took your test.

## Children and young people

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should not attend nursery or school and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is reduced.

## 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. 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