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Friday 6th January

Dear Parents & Carers,

We wish you all a very happy New year and a warm welcome back to school for the first term of 2023! Also a big welcome to our new Tadpoles and their families who have joined us this term. I'm sure it will be another busy and exciting term for all our Tadpoles. We have lots of fabulous learning planned for this half term (below is an overview but overleaf you will find more details).

Curriculum

We will be adapting the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum continually this half term and beyond to meet the needs of our children - whilst ensuring it remains broad and balanced. We want the children to be enthusiastic, curious learners who love coming to school. We will be focusing on the three Prime Areas of the curriculum: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development.

This half term we will be focusing on the stories;

'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Dinosaur Roar' by Henrietta Stickland and Paul Stickland

We will be retelling and acting out the story of the Gingerbread Man, and making Dinosaur fossils using salt dough. We will also be learning about other exciting festivals and celebrations happening this half term including Chinese New Year, and explore National Storytelling week.

Stay and Play sessions

Every **Thursday** you are invited to come in and explore the classroom, play, and read a story with your child. The morning session is 8:45 until 9:15am, and the afternoon session is 12.30 until 13.00pm.

Punctuality & Attendance

It continues to be really important that children arrive and are collected promptly. Attendance is statutory from age 5, but we like to instill good habits as soon as children start, but we understand that some absences may occur. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness and medical appointments is crucial.

MORNING SESSION - Start time is 8:45am

End time is 11:45am

AFTERNOON SESSION - Start time is 12:30pm

End time is 3:30pm

Head Teacher: Harsha Patel

The Office:

Please call the school office if you have any questions. If you do need to come *into* the office you must use the gate entrance from the street and not come in through the school. Office: [0207 772 8500](tel:02077728500) or email admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

Water and fruit

We provide fruit for the children and each child will need to bring their own **named bottle of water** each day. We will be able to refill them when needed. If you would like to donate a couple of extra pieces of fruit a week to the classroom that would be gratefully received.



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 (£7.50 a term)** where we will be able to buy the ingredients and resources needed. **This is payable through your SchoolMoney account. Under 'payments' you will find 'EYFS Class Donation Spring 2022' for £7.50.** We would be really **grateful if this could be paid by Friday 20th January**. We really appreciate your support, thank you!

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**. As we are now heading into Winter, please make sure that your child comes to school with a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We use the outside area every day so children need to be able to wrap up warm. We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for an Early Years setting. For example, shoes with Velcro fastenings at school until they are able to tie their own shoe laces.



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.

Spare clothes and Nappies

Every child needs to have a **spare, named change of clothes** to be left in school, hanging on your child's peg. Children may get wet or dirty from one of the exciting learning experiences we enjoy in EYFS!



We also ask parents to supply nappies and wipes for their child which are stored in the bathroom and individually labeled.

Toys at school

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, and at present it is not hygienic to bring in additional objects from home.

Tapestry

This is an online journal to help record your child's time at school. We send pictures and videos to you at the end of every half term. We also use this as a way of communicating with you. You can also post videos and photos of the exciting things your child does at home.

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For further information, please make sure you regularly check the school website www.primrosehill.sch.uk

As part of Camden's Safeguarding policy, please remember to refrain from using your mobile phone when on the school grounds. We really appreciate your support with this for the safety of the children.



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.

If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many thanks,

Karen, Chin Chu and Luljeta
The Tadpoles Team

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Communication and Language

Talk about journeys and adventures you have been on. This may be your journey to school, to visit a family member or friend or maybe to go on holiday. How did you travel? What did you see on the way?

Talk about the change in the season and what this looks like. Think about the colours in the sky etc... no leaves on the trees.

Mathematics

Have fun playing various maths games and practising to count forwards and backwards.

Help your grown-ups at the supermarket counting out and weighing up fruit and veg into your shopping basket. Then have a go at paying for some of these items.

Have fun exploring capacity using water to fill up different sized containers and have a go at estimating how many spoonfuls/cupfuls of water it will take to fill your containers, half way, to the top, etc...

Literacy

Help to write a card to a friend or family member and have a go at posting it!

Can you play waiter/waitress game at home. Have a go at taking orders and writing these down on your special notepad.

Help to write out your weekly shopping list.

Make up your own story and tell a grown up for them to write it down.

Understanding of the World

Go on an adventure to the woods/park/forest and collect your autumnal objects for your collage

Can you help at home with cooking and making a special meal for your family.

Find out some fun facts about seasons and weather.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Practise sharing toys with your family.

Enjoy telling stories about your day over dinner or breakfast.

Share the best and worst parts of your day and why. Its good to talk!

Here are the seven areas of learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage. In each of the boxes, you will find some useful ideas on home learning! Our Focus this half term is the story of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen.

Physical Development

Practise taking on and off your coat independently.

Practise climbing skills

Challenge yourselves to take some risks in the park/playground. And have fun kicking and throwing up the leaves.

Expressive arts and Design

Make a wintery collage of the things you found on a trip to the park

Have a go at putting on a show for your family. Can you sing, dance, act or tell a joke?

Make props for your show.

Use some recycled materials to make some percussion instruments to add sound to your show.