

Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday and your children feel well-rested, ready for another half term. We are thrilled and grateful to have Isabel Murphy joining the Year 5 team, we're already off to a flying start!

Curriculum

This half term's focus is **Tick Tock: Clockwork, forces and mechanisms**. Attached is our Spring 2 Curriculum overview with more information.

Reading

Every child should be reading for **at least 20 minutes a day** at home.

Each class has the opportunity to explore the wide range of books available in the library throughout the week in small groups. Please ensure your child brings their library books in on a Friday, ready to return to the library. Your child should bring their book bag/school bag in every day and should be reading every day at home.

Each class has a book corner where children can select books to read during the day. The books in the book corner are for class reading only - the children can borrow books from the library to take home and can also take their Reading Challenge books home. Please ensure that your child is bringing in their reading challenge book **daily**. They will be having discussions about what they have read the night before with their reading challenge group, so having the book is essential.

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 printed weekly and will also be accessible on Google Classroom. It will be distributed on **Fridays** and we expect children to complete all tasks by the following Wednesday. In the meantime, please continue to read every day, practice maths skills through games and online websites such as **Times Table Rock Stars** (again, ask the office if you cannot find your log in), focusing on fluency of times tables, and practice handwriting and spelling. The weekly homework will consist of maths, reading, spelling and topic tasks.

Head Teacher: Harsha Patel

Classroom Drop In

This half term, our drop in session will be Friday 12th May from 8.45 to 9.00.

PE & Music

Your child's PE & Music session will be every **Thursday**. 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 - 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 - 9:00 am each morning**. After 9:00 am the gate will be closed and any latecomers will need to come through the main school gate.

END OF THE DAY - Children will be in the playground when the gates open at **3:30 pm**.

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.

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

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. As we are now into Winter, please make sure that your child comes to school with a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat.

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

We look forward to another busy and exciting half term with your children.

Many Thanks,

Head Teacher: Harsha Patel

Georgia and Isabel
The Year 5 Team

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