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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to our Summer Term!

Curriculum

This half term's focus is "**The Twits**" by Roald Dahl

Attached is our Summer 1 Curriculum overview with more information.

Forest School

This term, our Forest School sessions will take place at the Adelaide Nature Reserve in Regent's Park. We are very fortunate to have been offered the opportunity for Forest School in Year 2. Forest School aims to give children the opportunity to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in nature. During the sessions we will learn rules for safety through games, develop social relationships and cooperative skills and explore the natural world around us.

The Forest School leader and school staff aim to ensure that the experience is enjoyable and a valuable learning experience for all children involved.

The sessions will run every Tuesday afternoon for **Beetles class** this half term. The class will be divided into two groups and will have 3 afternoon sessions each. An email has been sent to all parents with the details.

SATs

KS1 SATs will take place towards the end of May. Please make sure your child is in school on time each day to ensure they are not missing out on their learning. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact us via the office (see below).

Reading

Phonics: We have now completed the Little Wandle program, however we will continue to revisit and review to ensure that new learning is secure.

Reading with the teacher: Every day, your child will read a new book with their teacher/TA. By the end of each week, they will then bring this book home to read with you. You will know which book it is as the title will be written in their reading diary for that week. Please share your child's reading diary and support them by recording their reading.

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The book will then need to be returned **on Thursday** 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. The reading diaries now 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.

Reading comprehension: As your child becomes a fluent reader they will be bringing home questions to answer in response to their reading. Please support your child by encouraging them to do this independently.

Children will continue to visit the school library every **Thursday**. Books will need to be returned the following week, otherwise they will not be able to exchange them for a new one.

As reading is a priority for all children, the school has also invested in **Reading Eggs** online reading programme - all children should have received a log in already, but you can ask in the office if you have mislaid this.

Home Learning

Home learning is given out every Friday and is due in every **Thursday**. Children can submit their home learning either electronically via **Google Classroom** or in their home learning book (please see your class teacher if you do not have your login details). **Each Friday, a spelling quiz** takes place containing the spellings given out in the home learning from the previous week. We also have a school subscription to **Mathseeds** which is the same login as **Reading Eggs**. All children have been given their login details, but please ask your child's teacher if you need these again or are having difficulty logging in.

The weekly homework will consist of maths, reading, spelling/phonics and/or a topic activity.

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 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**

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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 Summer term and the days will be warmer, please make sure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat, preferably with a hood or hat as the weather can be changeable.

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

We look forward to another exciting half term,

Many Thanks,

Sophie Tait and Joanna Rose
The Year 2 Team

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