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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back! We hope you and your child/ren had a restful and enjoyable half term holiday and managed to enjoy the lovely weather we have been having. We've nearly made it to the end of this academic year and are so proud of all the achievements the children have made.

Curriculum

We will be adapting the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum continually this half term to meet the needs of our children, with the focus being on transitioning into year One. We want the children to be enthusiastic, curious learners who love coming to school.

**This half term we will be focusing on the story;
The Queens' Hat
and lots of non-fiction books about London
as we begin our Primrose Hill Skyline STEAM Project.**

Dates for your diary -

**Primrose Hill Skyline exhibition, parents welcome - 7th of July 2:00pm.
Show to celebrate the end of the year. parents welcome - details to follow soon
Sports Day - 30th June 1.45 to 3.15 main playground**

Maths: In maths over this half term our focus will be adding and taking away, doubling, sharing and grouping, odd and even, deepening understanding, patterns and relationships, spatial reasoning, visualise, building and map making.

Phonics: We will continue to teach phonics 4 times a week. On Friday, we will send a tapestry memo sharing with you which sounds the children have learnt that week.

Reading with the teacher Three days a week, your child reads a Little Wandle guided reading book with their teacher/TA. At the end of each week they will 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 Thursday so that the sets can be collected in. It is really important that you look after the book and return it each week (perhaps keep it at home till Thursday so it does not end up in the corridor library). 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 is also given the opportunity to take home books of their choice to read for pleasure. They can select new books every day from the corridor library, therefore please continue to bring book bags in on a daily basis.

Buddy reading

We join year 4 for buddy reading, this is a lovely opportunity for ladybirds to make friends with children further up the school and share books together.

Library visit

We are very excited to continue our trips to **Primrose Hill Library on a Tuesday afternoon, setting off at 1.45 and returning for the end of the day.** It is a lovely opportunity for the children to have a story read to them by the library staff and explore the books in the library. Library registration forms have been sent out with the children if you are interested in joining. Half the class would visit once every 2 weeks. **For this to happen we will need 2 parent volunteers. If you can help with this please put your name down on the sign up sheet in the corridor.**

PE & Music

Your child's PE & Music session will be every **MONDAY**. They will be preparing for sports day over the next few weeks.

Children need to come into school dressed in their PE kits on this day. Please make sure their PE t-shirts and jumpers are named.

Stay and Play

In Ladybirds, we will continue to offer our stay and play session **every Wednesday** morning 8:45 until 9:20 am. This will be on a two week cycle, please see the notice board. This is an opportunity to explore the classroom, play, and read a story with your child.

Mystery Reader is every Friday. Due to popular demand our mystery reader slots have all been taken up till the end of the year. If you are interested in doing this please speak to Liam or Maria and I am sure we can fit you in on another day.

Punctuality & Attendance

It continues to be really important that children arrive and are collected promptly. 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.

START OF THE DAY - All children will be welcomed through the main gate between **8:45 - 9:00 am** each morning. Please make your way down to the Reception corridor and a member of the Reception team will welcome your child into the learning environment each morning. The transition to Reception begins your child's journey to independence, so the staff will be encouraging your children to take ownership of small everyday tasks, for example, hanging their coat up and self-registering themselves each day. **After 9:00 am the gate will be closed** and any latecomers will need to come through the main school office.

END OF THE DAY - Exit Time from the Ladybirds classroom (please wait next to your allocated fence to the outside area) is at **3:30 pm.**

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** 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 and are encouraging drinking water every hour. 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 Monday 19th June.** 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 in summer, please make sure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather as we know how unpredictable it can be at this time of year. **It is important that you apply sunscreen before school and leave suntan cream with us if you wish for your child to apply more during the day. Please send your child into school with a hat.** 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.



Spare clothes

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! Where possible please use a soft fabric/plastic bag due to limited space on their peg.



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, for example we send through the phonic sounds we have learnt each week. You can also post us videos and photos of the exciting things your child does at home. We would appreciate it if you would regularly take a look at the memos.

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.

Best regards

Maria and Liam

Communication and Language

Talk about the buildings you see on your walk to school

Share what colour you are feeling and why.

Talk about what you have enjoyed in reception and what you are looking forward to in year 1.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Organise play dates in the park now the weather is getting warmer

Enjoy telling stories about your day over dinner or breakfast.

Share the best and worst parts of your day and why. It's good to talk!

Investigate zones of regulation, talk to your child about what colour they are feeling
<https://www.zonesofregulation.com/learn-more-about-the-zones.html>

Mathematics

Help your grown-ups at the supermarket or at home. Compare quantities up to 10, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity

Practice counting up to and beyond 20. You can do this walking to school, up and down stairs.

Count things in 2s! This term we will be learning about odd and even numbers.

Practice subtracting by using a ten frame and some toys is a great strategy to use. It is concrete and children can really see what it means to subtract and take away from something. Click this link for some ideas :
<https://www.weareteachers.com/subtraction-activities/>

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 'Primrose Hill Skyline

Literacy

Practise the phonics sounds you have learnt, you could make this into a bingo or a snap game.

Tricky word hunt

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

Look at the change of the seasons.

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

Talk about what are special celebrations in your family and what you do to celebrate.

Walk around London, go to see some of the buildings we are investigating

Expressive arts and Design

There are some great ideas on this website.

<https://abcdoes.com/home-learning/>

Physical Development

Enjoy the weather and go to the park! There are examples of games to play, skills to develop and activities to do here, if you need some inspiration
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/footy-pups>

Practise tying shoe laces.

Fine motor activities like playdough and LEGO building help strengthen muscles for writing

Practise running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing when you are walking to school or at the park