



10th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The Year 2 team this year are:

2B (blue class) – Tim Ibbotson (Year Team Leader) and Davorka Andjelic

2O (orange class) – Katie Paton, Sue Wickings and Chris Fox

2R (red class) – Martin Heidensohn, Alba Valverde-Canero, Matthew Lumley and Bob Houghton

2P (purple class) – Kate Ibbotson, Claire Slater and Sue Fage

Claire Slater is completing a teacher training course this year and will be teaching 2P alongside Kate Ibbotson.

Also working with Year 2 this year will be Isabel Richert (Art), Philip Campbell (PE) and Sonia Damian (Spanish).

Curriculum

Our topic is '**Transport & Travel**'. The children will be learning about different modes of transport and about the continents of the world.

Science

Our Science topic is '**Living things and their habitats**'. We will be linking the learning in this unit to the Geography objectives focusing on continents and climate.

English

The children will be concentrating on sentence writing with a focus on using nouns, verbs and adjectives to create interesting sentences. Children will learn to use **conjunctions** correctly. Lots of our writing will be based around our transport topic. Children will write their own stories based on a book called 'The Duck in the Truck'.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will focus on counting and ordering numbers, odd and even numbers, number facts and place value up to 100. We will also add and subtract numbers within 20.

PE

We will be practising the basic skills of throwing and catching, as well as doing gymnastics involving low and high movements. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school and that it is taken home to be washed at least every half term. They will need a pair of shorts and a t-shirt as well as a pair of plimsolls or trainers as PE will sometimes take place outside.

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Reading

Please make sure your child brings in their reading folder on their reading days. It is important that you continue to read with your child at home regularly. Some of the reading sessions at school are also used to assess your child's phonics and high frequency words knowledge. We will let children know when their reading day is and there will also be a reading day timetable at the doors where children are dropped off in the morning.

Handwriting/Spellings/Phonics

Children will be learning cursive script in Year 2. This begins with introducing the formation of individual letters with relevant joins, enabling children to become comfortable with the way letters look before they are expected to join them together. Phonics will be taught throughout the week, with a focus on both reading and spelling words containing different phonemes.

Library

Your child will get to visit the school library once a week. If your child needs to change their book, please ensure they return it to their tray so that they can take it back next time we visit the library.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send in a water bottle (water only, not juice or flavoured water) and to take it home at least once a week to wash it.

Home Learning

We will be sending home learning shortly. Completed home learning will be displayed in the classroom. Please ensure your child completes as many activities as they can.

Nuts

Several children in the school have serious nut allergies. We ask that parents/carers do not put any nut products in your child's packed lunch or send any birthday treats in with nuts. We thank you for your cooperation.

Drop off and Pick up

Registration is at **9.00am** and all children should be in class at this time. Children can come into school from **8.50am** and the door will be locked at **9.00am**. If you are running late, please register your child in the office. If your usual pick-up arrangement differs from normal then please let us know at the start of the day or if plans change during the day please phone the office to let us know.

At the end of the day, 2R (Red) and 2O (Orange) will be in the Haslemere playground to be collected. 2B (Blue) and 2P (Purple) will be in the Waverley playground to be collected. Please ensure that your child is dismissed by the teacher/TA before leaving.

Trips

Once we know how much has been donated by parents, we will be able to budget and book trips accordingly. A letter detailing this will be sent out to you over the next week; please look out for it. We will let you know about any trips we arrange as soon as they are booked.

School environment

If your child plays in the playground at the end of the day, they must be supervised. Please ensure that they respect the school environment. The playground closes at 3.45pm.

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Contact details

If your child becomes unwell, or we need to contact you for any other reason, it is very important that we have your correct contact details. Please inform the office if any of your contact details need updating.

Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances

It is vital that we have accurate information about any medical conditions or food allergies/intolerances your child may have. Please report any changes to the school office.

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 19th September – Year 2 curriculum chat and coffee morning in East Hall at 9am.

Wednesday 26th September - Leon Choueke will be presenting information to parents and carers about plans for further school development and the forthcoming year; we hope you are able to make one of the meetings. The meetings will be in West hall at 9.10a.m. and repeated at 7.30p.m.

Thursday 18th October – Parents’ Evening – 4-6pm and 6.30-8pm in West hall (for all year groups)

Friday 19th October – last day of half term

Monday 29th October – children return to school for Autumn 2 half term

Tuesday 11th - 14th December 2018 – there will be performances of the school play – more information will be sent soon.

Friday 21st December – last day of school for children

Monday 7th January 2019 – children return to school for Spring term

For more information about term dates, please see Haringey website:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/information-parents/term-dates>

INSET days – these are training days for staff when school is closed to all children.

Friday 2nd November 2018

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Absence

If your child is not in school due to illness or for any other reason please phone or email (admin@coleridgeprimary.net) the school before 9am to explain why. This is for safeguarding reasons and your child is at risk of having an ‘unauthorised absence’ if we do not know the reason. If you need to request additional time off school for your child then you **must** fill in an ‘Application for pupil leave of absence during term time’ form, available at either office. Thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any questions or queries for do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child’s class teacher.

We are really looking forward to a happy and successful year.

Yours sincerely

The Year 2 Team

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