



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you enjoyed your half term break and are well rested for the final half term of Year 3.

This half term we will be covering the following units:

**English:** We are starting a new narrative unit using the text 'The Great Kapok tree'. The children will be learning about deforestation and the impact of this and debating different ideas as characters from the story. For the last few weeks of term we will have non-fiction unit. The children will be looking at a range of information texts and picking out key features and language used. They then will work together as a class to create a guide book for year 2 children to find out all about life in the juniors.

**Maths:** We will be completing on telling the time. In year the children are expected to be able to read the time on an analogue and digital clock to the nearest 5 minutes. It would be great if you could practise this with your child at home as this can be an area that they find tricky. We will also be solving problems involving time. Towards the end of the half term we will be looking at unit on data and statistics.

**Geography:** After completing our unit on agriculture we will move onto a new unit all about volcanoes.

**History:** We will complete our unit on the Indus valley.

**Science:** We start our topic of 'Animals including humans'. Within this topic the children will recap how animals can be sorted into groups according to what they eat and look at food chains. We will also learn about what keeps us healthy focusing on the foods that we eat and information about the muscles of the body.

**PSHE:** This half term, all classes will complete three lessons around relationships and health education, and three lessons around drugs and alcohol education. These lessons teach children about some very important aspects of the curriculum, such as maintaining a healthy body, knowing about their bodies and how they change during puberty, and staying safe. At Coleridge, we have been teaching children about these subjects for many years, so there is no change to our curriculum, although relationships education is now a statutory part of the curriculum for all primary schools as of September 2020.

To see the breakdown and content of these lessons, please visit our website pages: [Relationships & Sex Education - Coleridge Primary School](#), [Drug & Alcohol Education - Coleridge Primary School](#)

If you have any further questions about these lessons, please speak to your child's class teacher as a first port of call.

We'll also be doing lots of activities to help the children prepare for the move into Year 4.

**Dates for your diaries:**

Thursday 24th June - dress rehearsals for class dances for the school performance of Midsummer Night's Dream

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – class photos

Wednesday 30th June - we plan to film class dances and there will be a willing Year 6 children as an audience to cheer the children on

Monday 28th and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 dress rehearsals

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - INSET day – school closed for all children. There will be whole staff training on conscious and unconscious bias delivered by Marva Rollins OBE.

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July – Healthy Living Week (more info to follow)

Parent evening meetings using School Cloud Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – more info to follow

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - last day of term – Toy Day - children can bring a toy into school (nothing electronic or of great sentimental value)

### **Academic year 2021-22**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – INSET day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – children start school

Half term – Week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October

End of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

### **Other INSET days for 2021-22 (please note we still need to finalise the fifth INSET day)**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Reading INSET

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November: CLPE Phonics Session 1

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January: CLPE Phonics Session 2

We're looking forward to our final half term with the children and would like to thank you for your support this year.

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 Team