



9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a great summer and are now ready for the busy and exciting year ahead.

The Year 1 team this year are:

1B (Blue class) – Lottie Higgins (team leader)

1R (Red class) – Phoebe Soteriades

The teaching assistant for blue and red class will be Adriana Idrobo.

1O (Orange class) – Lizzie Davies and Rebecca Godfrey (Matt Skrein will be covering Rebecca's maternity leave up until half term).

1P (Purple class) – Nina McMillan

The teaching assistant for orange and purple classes will be Davorka Andjelic and Louise Green (Wednesdays only)

1O - Ms Davies and Ms Godfrey/Mr Skrein teach half of the week each. They change over on a Wednesday, when they have a thorough handover meeting.

Jo Hewett will be the Year 1 interventions TA. Davorka Andjelic will be teaching art to all four classes this year.

Also working with Year 1 this year will be Mario Vitrano (PE) and Ruth Allford.

Curriculum

Our **topic** this half-term is 'Stories from the past'. During this unit of work, we will be looking at stories from The Stone Age and stories about Vikings. We will be developing our understanding of history and events that happened in the past.

Our **Science** topic is 'Animals including humans'. Within this we will be learning about different groups of animals. We will also be naming and labelling key parts of the human body and thinking about how we use our senses.

In **English**, we will be focusing on forming our letters correctly; using our phonics to sound out and write words; and beginning to write simple sentences.

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on numbers up to 10. We will be ordering numbers and using language such as one more, one less, greater than, less than. We will also be adding and subtracting within 10.

In **Music**, our unit is 'An Introduction to Instruments'. We will be learning how to play percussion instruments with control.

In **Computing**, our unit is 'An Introduction to Data'. We will be collecting, recording and sorting data.

In **PE**, we will be focusing on gymnastics and games this term.

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The theme for this year's **Black History Month** will be 'finding a voice; telling stories'. Further information regarding the events and activities that we are planning will be sent out nearer the time.

Reading

Your child's reading day will be displayed in the classroom window soon. We will be sending home two banded reading books along with a library book that your child will choose themselves. Please listen to your child read every day for about 10 minutes. You can read the school books or other books that you may have that are of a similar level. You could also play some phonics/reading games if your child needs to practise sound recognition or key word recognition.

We are getting new reading diaries and will be sending them home in your child's bookbag when they arrive.

Please read the phonics and reading letter that we are sending home as this will give you more information about what we teach at school and how you can help your child at home.

Weekly overview

The weekly overview will be uploaded onto google classroom every Friday afternoon. This will tell you what we are teaching the following week and will let you know of any important information that you may need to know.

PE

Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits on their PE days. They will need to be wearing trainers and a t-shirt; and can wear shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

The children have PE twice each week, but the days vary on a fortnightly basis.

1B – Week 1 – Monday and Tuesday. Week 2 – Tuesday and Wednesday.

1O – Week 1 Tuesday and Thursday. Week 2 – Monday and Wednesday.

1P – Week 1 Wednesday and Friday. Week 2 – Tuesday and Friday.

1R – Week 1 – Tuesday and Friday. Week 2 – Thursday and Friday.

Home Learning

We will be putting English, maths and wider curriculum Home Learning up on the website shortly. Completed home learning will be displayed in the classroom.

MyMaths

MyMaths is an interactive online website that children can use to consolidate their maths learning. Use our school login (Username: coleridge1, Password: success74), and then your own login details, to access activities related to our current topic on the MyMaths website. Your login details will be sent home to you within the next few weeks.

Some of the MyMaths activities are harder than others and your child may need support with some activities. Feel free to try as many as you can, but don't worry if they find some of them too difficult. If this is the case, then please just move on and try something else.

New activities and games will be put on every term.

Money for arts and crafts

There is a money collection pot in each class where you can make a voluntary contribution for ingredients for playdough and cooking, and for arts and crafts materials (e.g. sequins, pipe cleaners, craft sticks, pompoms etc.)

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Water Bottles

Please remember to send in a water bottle with your child's name on and to take it home at least once a week to wash it.

Clothes

Please ensure that your child's coats and jumpers are named so that it is easy for us to return them if they get lost.

Spare Clothes

We would really appreciate some spare clothes at school. If you have any old tracksuits bottoms, leggings, underwear or socks that your child does not need any more, please give them to your child's class teacher.

Curriculum Chat

We are inviting parents in for a curriculum chat and coffee morning on **Tuesday 20th September at 9.05AM**. We will be explaining what happens in Year 1 and it will also give you the chance to meet all the other Year 1 parents. The talk will take place in the East hall.

Drop off and pick up of children

The school gates are opened at **8.40am**. We will be opening the classroom doors at 8:50am. It is really important that your child is settled in the classroom and ready to learn by **9am** when we do the register. Being late can be very unsettling both for the child and the rest of the class. The school gates will be locked at 9.05am; therefore after drop off please make sure you leave the school grounds.

Changes to pick up

The end of the day is at 3.10. Please wait near/on the decking area and your child's class teacher will send your child out to you. Please let the class teacher know if someone different is picking up your child, or if they are starting a new after school club. There are whiteboards up outside each classroom for you to write any changes to pick up.

Absence

If your child is not in school due to illness or for any other reason please phone or email the school before 9am to explain why - admin@coleridgeprimary.net 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. These will be considered on an individual basis; however please bear in mind that we no longer authorise absences for holidays during term time.

Contact details

For safeguarding reasons schools should hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil. If you have a new mobile number/email/home address, or you need to update the details of other contacts, please let us know via email admin@coleridgeprimary.net

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 inform your child's class teacher about any medical conditions and report any changes to the school office.

Nuts

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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.

Trips

We will be organising some trips this year. We will let you know when these have been organised and booked.

Junk Modelling

We would really appreciate any cardboard boxes for us to use for junk modelling (no toilet rolls please).

Dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd September - Mr Choueke will be running an 'Introduction to Coleridge' presentation. This is for all parents/carers whose children have recently joined Coleridge from Years 1 to 6. The talk will be in the West hall (junior side) and start at 9.10am.

Thursday 20th October – Parents evening. This parents evening will be a face-to-face one and will take place in school. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Monday 31st October: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

Monday 30th January: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

The other INSET day is still to be finalised.

Haringey term dates 2022/2023: <https://coleridgeprimary.net/school-calendar/>

If you have any questions or concerns please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. You can do this by emailing the school office - admin@coleridgeprimary.net. We will reply to emails or arrange a phone call with you.

Thank you for all your support and co-operation, we are looking forward to a happy and successful year together.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team

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