



September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

The Year 2 team this year is:

2P – Jessica Razimbaud (team leader)

2R – Kate Ibbotson

The teaching assistant for 2R and 2P will be Deborah Rivet.

2O – George Southey

2B – Florence Tapp

The teaching assistants for 2O and 2B will be Debbie Sadur (Mon-Wed) and Luciana Ramadan (Thurs-Fri).

Trina Sawdy will be the Year 2 interventions TA. Rika Manabe, Sissily Waite and Bob Houghton will be the Year 2 SEND TAs.

Also working with Year 2 this year will be Isabel Richert (Art), Julia Yesilirmak (PSHE and RE) and Mario Vitrano (PE).

English

In **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.

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.

Topic

Our **topic** this half term is '**The Ancient Maya**'. The children will learn about where the Maya lived and locate these areas on a world map. They will also look at a timeline to help them understand when the Ancient Maya civilisation existed in history. We will find out about Maya inventions and make pyramids and masks.

Science

Our **Science** topic is '**Living things and their habitats**'. We will distinguish between living and non-living things. We will look at a range of different animal habitats around the world.

PE

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their **PE kits** when it is their PE day. We try to do PE outside as much as possible, so please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear on their PE days. The children have PE twice each week, but the days vary on a fortnightly basis:

2B – Week 1 - Monday and Friday. Week 2 - Tuesday and Thursday.

2R – Week 1 - Monday and Wednesday. Week 2 - Tuesday and Thursday.

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2O – Week 1 - Wednesday and Thursday. Week 2 - Monday and Friday.

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

In PE this half term, we will be practising the basic skills of throwing and catching, as well as doing gymnastics involving low and high movements.

Black History Month

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

In Year 2, children participate in guided reading sessions led by the class teacher. These will start next week. During a guided reading session, small groups of children take it in turns to read aloud and then collectively discuss the text. The sessions usually last 25-30 minutes and happen once a week. On your child's reading day (please see class timetables on the Year 2 doors), we will collect, and then send home, new books for your child to read. Please try to read with your child at home; ideally for at least 10 minutes daily, as this will have a pronounced effect on their progress. Any child still in the early stages of reading, will continue to receive 1:1 reading support. We will no longer write weekly in your child's reading diary, although we will sometimes add comments about specific progress made, or areas to work on at home. We will also hear your child read 1:1 during the penultimate week of each half term.

Library

Your child will get to visit the school library once a week, where they can check out a library book and take it home. If your child needs to change their book, please ensure they return it to their tray so that they can take it back the next time we visit the library. We regularly remind children when their library day is.

Spellings and handwriting

At the start of each week, children will be given six spellings to learn. These words will appear in the Year 2 Weekly Overview. Over the course of each week, we practise spelling these words in class and have an informal spelling test every Friday to see if children have learnt the spellings. As with reading, children's spelling can be dramatically improved with regular practice at home. A separate letter about spelling will be sent home soon, with tips and games that you can play to support your child's spelling.

Children will be learning the cursive script in Year 2. They will focus on joining different letters each week and we encourage all children to regularly use joined up handwriting by the end of Year 2.

Home Learning

We will be sending Home Learning out shortly. Completed home learning will be displayed in the classroom. Please encourage and help your child to complete some of the Home Learning activities.

Year 2 Curriculum Overview

Year 2 will be holding their Curriculum Chat on **Thursday 22nd September** straight after drop off at 9:05am in the East hall. This will be a brief overview of the Year 2 curriculum and a chance to ask any questions you may have, followed by tea, coffee and pastries. If you are not able to attend the curriculum chat, all of the information will be made available in the Year 2 area on the school website.

Weekly Overview

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Information about what we are focusing on each week can be found in the **Weekly Overview** which will be put on Google Classroom each Friday afternoon. We encourage you to look at this each week so you can talk to your child about what they are doing in class, and support their learning in these areas where possible.

Drop off and Pick up

Registration is at **9.00am** and all children should be in class by this time. Children can come into school from **8.50am** and the door will be locked at **9.00am**. There will always be a Year 2 teacher at the door to greet your child. Please ensure your child arrives on time; lateness can be unsettling for children. If you are late, please register your child at the office. If your usual pick-up arrangement differs from normal then please let us know at the start of the day. If plans change during the day then please phone the office to let us know.

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

Water Bottles

It is really important your child brings in a water bottle every day. Please make sure your child's water bottle is clearly labelled.

Belongings and school environment

Where possible, please label your child's belongings so we can return them in case they are misplaced. Please also talk to your child about looking after their belongings and school environment.

Trips

We will be organising some trips this year. Our first trip will be to see the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican Centre on the 3rd November 2022. More details will be sent closer to the 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 report any changes to the school office.

No Nuts

Several children in the school have serious nut allergies and can suffer from anaphylaxis. 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.

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.

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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 queries then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. You can do this by emailing the school office - admin@coleridgeprimary.net.

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

Yours sincerely,
The Year 2 Team

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