



September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. We hope that you had a fantastic break and enjoyed the holiday.

The Year 3 team

3B Natalie Thorn (Year Team Leader)

3R Octavia Chin

3P Rose Jones and Sarah Crawford

3O Martin Heidensohn

Jessie Hood will be working between 3B and 3O in the mornings and running intervention groups across the year group in the afternoons. Coral Lowcock will be working between 3P and 3R in the mornings and running intervention groups across the year group in the afternoons. Lucia Garrana will be working across all 4 classes and supporting some children in small groups in the afternoons.

Curriculum Chat

We will be holding our curriculum chat on Wednesday 21st September. In this meeting we will be talking to you about how we will be teaching the different subjects in Year 3 and introduce the different topics and any changes from the infants. Hopefully we will cover most of the things you might have questions about but there will be time for questions after if need be. We will put the presentation slides up on the website to look at if you are not able to make the meeting. The meeting will be held in the west hall and will start just after drop off at 9.05am. Croissants and coffee will be provided by Coleridge families. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Curriculum

Weekly overviews

We have started our first units of work for both maths and English. Please do look at the **weekly overviews** which are uploaded onto Google Classroom every Friday. These give you a brief outline of what we are covering in the different subjects each week so you can talk to your children about what they are learning at school and offer support where necessary.

Topics

Our first history topic is **Ancient Egypt**. In this topic we learn about what the ancient Egyptians believed, how they wrote, the importance of the River Nile and why pyramids were built, amongst other things.

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.

Our first geography topic is **Rivers**. Within this topic we learn about some key features of rivers and learn about different rivers around the world. We focus on the river Indus (which links into our next History topic) and how rivers get their water and shape the land.

'**Plants**' will be our first Science topic. We will be learning about different parts of plants and what they do as well as the process of pollination and seed dispersal.

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Isabel Richert will be teaching Year 3 **Art** on a fortnightly basis.

PE

Mario Vitrano and Jason Bichri will be teaching each class **PE** once a fortnight. Other PE lessons will be taught by the class teachers. Please send your children to school dressed in suitable clothes on their PE days. These are as below:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
3P	Monday and Wednesday	Tuesday
3O	Tuesday	Wednesday and Thursday
3R	Tuesday	Tuesday and Thursday
3B	Tuesday and Friday	Tuesday

Reading

All children will take part in whole class reading lessons where the focus is on inference, understanding and using new vocabulary and using key features of information texts to find information.

All children will also read in a small group once a fortnight for a guided reading session.

Those children that are still on banded reading books will read with an adult at school once a week and receive a new reading book.

Those children that are reading independently will choose a new reading book every 2 weeks.

Once the library is back up and running the children will also be able to choose a book at each visit as long as they have brought back their old one. These books are free choice so they may sometimes be books that you will need to read to them.

All children need to have their reading book with them at school every day, banded or a free choice book. There are independent reading times during the week where the children will need these either to read or use in sessions, or if they are reading to us. They also may like to bring in a book of their choosing from home.

We really want to stress the importance of **reading regularly with your child at home**, particularly for those on banded books. To make progress, children need to be reading on a daily basis as much as possible.

Handwriting

The children are now expected to be writing using a cursive script for the majority of their writing. They will be participating in regular handwriting lessons and will be encouraged to use this style as much as possible. Where possible those children that need extra practise with handwriting will receive this through some intervention sessions but we may also send home some work to help you practise with them too.

Spellings

Once we have done some initial assessments the children will start to bring home some key words/words that follow specific spelling patterns, to learn each week. We will explain more in the curriculum chat.

Healthy snacks & water bottles

We encourage children in the juniors to bring in a healthy snack to eat at the morning break. This can only be a piece of fruit, some chopped fruit or vegetables - NOT sugary cereal bars, crisps or biscuits. The children all need a named water bottle that they can access during the day. They can refill this at school but it will need to be cleaned at home. We ask that children only have plain water in their water bottles, not sugary flavoured water or juice.

No 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.

Mobile phones and smart watches

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that children do not bring mobile phones to school. If they do bring a phone, it must be switched off on school grounds and kept in their bag. We are also asking children not to wear smart watches to school. If they do, they should only be worn as a means of telling the time, therefore all the functions should be turned off until the end of the school day and they have left the school grounds. We cannot accept any responsibility for phones or watches.

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.

Arriving at and leaving school

Registers are taken at 9am, therefore your child must be in the classroom ready for registration. If your child arrives after this time, they need to register in the office. Please ensure your child arrives on time; lateness is very unsettling for your child and the other children in the class.

The school gates will be locked at 9.05am; therefore after drop off please make sure you leave the school grounds.

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. Thank you for your co-operation.

Looking after each other and the environment

Here are a few requests that we really appreciate you respecting:

- ensure your child/children are supervised by you or their carer at drop off and pick up
- remind your child/children to look after the school grounds and their belongings
- walk to school where possible
- if you need to drive, please do not idle your engine (keeping the engine running whilst waiting); please park considerately and safely
- cross the road safely at the crossing when Velina (our school crossing patrol) has said it is safe to do so
- put any rubbish in the bin or take it home with you

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.

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

Trips

We are in the process of booking some trips for the coming year. We will let you know as soon as these have been arranged.

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

Home-School Liaison

The children will continue to have half termly Home Learning activities. The aim of home learning is to encourage children to become active learners, developing their creativity and investigative skills in the process. Home learning will be informally discussed with the child and the class teacher, and then displayed in the classroom. Further details regarding home learning will be sent home soon.

We are all very excited about the year ahead and we want to thank you for your continued support. We welcome parental involvement so feel free to talk to your class teacher about any ways that you would like to engage with the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the beginning or end of the school day or by emailing admin@coleridgeprimary.net

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team