



September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We are delighted to be welcoming the children back to school for an exciting year ahead and we hope you are too! Our first week was very busy as it always is, but the children all seem happy to be back and we are loving getting to know them.

The Year 4 team this year is:

4B – Beth Whitley

4O – Emma Nashaat

4P – Jenny Leung and Simon Shiel (Jenny will teach the class from Monday-Wednesday and Simon on Thursdays and Fridays).

4R – Orlagh Creamer (Year Team Leader)

Teaching Assistants: **Emma Rose** (all classes), **Tom Hodges** (Mon -Wed AM only) and **Bob Houghton** (Mon/Tue PM and Thurs/Friday AM).

Maths and English

Over the coming weeks, we will be getting to know the children in Maths and English to enable us to provide the right level of challenge. All children will be working from Year 4 objectives; however, lessons are differentiated through pace, levels of support and depth of coverage to ensure that all children can maximise their learning. Each Friday we will publish a 'Weekly Overview' on the school website which will outline what we are covering in Maths and English the following week.

History - our topic for Autumn 1 is '*The Roman Republic*'.

Science - our first topic is '*States of Matter*'.

Geography – this half term our topic is '*The Rhine and the Mediterranean*'.

Art – 4O and 4P Art lessons will be taught by **Isabel Richert** once a fortnight.

4B and 4R art lessons will be taught by **Gemma Curtis** once a fortnight.

Music – Music will be taught by class teachers once a fortnight.

Computing, PSHE & RE will be taught by the class teacher.

PE – Every other week, lessons will be taught by class teachers and on the alternate week by **Mario Vitrano** and **Jason Bichri**.

It is vital children are dressed appropriately so we ask that you ensure children come to school wearing a suitable PE kit (including trainers) on the following days:

4B – Monday and Tuesday (Week 1), Friday (Week 2)

4O - Monday and Friday (Week 1), Friday (Week 2)

4P –Wednesday (Week 1), Monday and Thursday (Week 2)

4R – Wednesday (Week 1), Monday and Wednesday (Week 2)

*Please note if children are unable to participate in PE, a letter needs to be brought in from a parent or carer explaining the reason why they cannot take part in the session.

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.

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Curriculum Chat/Coffee Morning - 27th September

Year 4 will be holding their Curriculum Chat on Tuesday 27th September straight after drop off at 9:05am in the West hall. This will be a brief overview of the Year 4 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 4 area on the school website.

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 as soon as possible.

Healthy snacks and water bottles

Children in the juniors can bring 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. We ask that children should only have plain water in their water bottles, not sugary flavoured water or juice. Please avoid single-use plastic where possible. Please also ensure all water bottles are clearly labelled.

No Nuts or Seeds

Several children in the school have serious nut allergies and can suffer from anaphylaxis. We ask that parents/carers **do not put any nut or seed products** in your child's packed lunch or give out any birthday treats in with nuts.

Pick up and Drop offs

Children are allowed on the school grounds from 8.45am and classroom doors open at 8.50am. 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.

In Year 4, the children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3.15pm. Please collect your child from the outside entrance to their classrooms. As this is a very busy space, we also ask Year 4 parents and carers to stand closer to the climbing frame and wait for the children so we are less crowded at the door.

At 3:25pm, any children who have not been picked up will be brought to the West office and a member of the admin team will contact home. If you are aware that you will be running late, please call the office ahead of time so the class teacher can be informed.

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 do not authorise absences for holidays during term time. Thank you for your co-operation.

School 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.

Forest School

This year, all Year 4 classes will be taking part in Forest School sessions at Queen's Woods, occasionally they may also travel to Highgate Woods. Forest School is a type of outdoor education in which children learn personal, social and technical skills through regular visits to a natural environment. It offers children many opportunities to achieve and develop confidence through hands-on, creative and fulfilling learning opportunities in a woodland environment. Letters and more information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

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.

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/>

Finally, please do let us know if there's anything you'd like to discuss with us. We are contactable via email and phone and we will always respond to you as quickly as we possibly can. Thank you for your support and understanding. We're looking forward to a successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 team.