



November 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a good break. We have another busy half term to look forward to and an exciting performance to prepare for!

Curriculum

History – This half term we will continue to learn about The Romans. Last half term we focused on the forming of the republic and in this half term we will learn about the growing empire. We will look at the Roman army, Julius Caesar, Augustus, Claudius, Pompeii and the Roman Jewish war.

Geography – Children will be learning about populations this half term. We will look at migration, the Haringey census, ethnicity and ethnically diverse populations before focusing on Cardiff in Wales and the Welsh language and culture.

Science – We are initially finishing off our topic of ‘States of Matter’ and then will be moving on to our new topic ‘Animals including Humans’. We will be focusing on food chains, teeth and the digestive system.

English – To begin this half term, we will be working on developing our own friendships stories using ‘*The Boy at the Back of the Class*’ as an inspiration. Children will craft a narrative where a character encounters a friend that needs cheering up and goes on an adventure. We will then move onto a poetry unit of work. We will look at poetry from other cultures using the text *Dancing in the Rain* by John Lyons.

Maths – We’ll continue with our work on addition and subtraction this half term, this time focusing on teaching the formal written methods for both. Towards the end of the term our focus will move onto length and perimeter. You can check the weekly overview on Google Classroom for a more thorough breakdown of objectives covered each week.

Computing – This half term, the children will continue to learn about HTML by using our scheme of work, Kapow. They will understand that web pages are built using different programming languages and one of them is HTML. By the end of this unit, the children will learn how to alter key elements on a web page including text and images.

PSHE – We are finishing our focus on inspiring people in PSHE and will be learning about the life of Walter Tull. We will look at his early life; his football career and being the first black British outfield player and his time in the military during WW1 where he became the first black officer in 1917. We are also focusing our learning on a families and relationships unit which will go into the Spring Term. In this unit, we will be learning that families are varied and differences must be respected; understanding physical and emotional boundaries in friendships; exploring: the roles of bully, victim and bystander; how behaviour affects others; manners in different situations and learning about bereavement.

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Religion and Worldviews - This half term we will be continuing with our RE and Worldviews topic of Christianity. We will host another RE day in Year 4 on the 28th November and spend the day looking at the origins of Christianity and Christian celebrations. We will also be visiting Christ Church in Crouch End on this day but more information will be sent about this in the coming weeks.

Dance – The Year 4 teachers have been choreographing the dance the children will perform for the play, 'Aladdin.' Most of the dances are linked to exciting scenes in the play and the Year 4 dance will be after Aladdin tricks the Genie to help him to escape the cave. We will be dancing to 'Breakout' by Swing Out Sister.

Library

Our school library is up and running and stocked with lots of new books. All the children will go to the library once every 2 weeks with their class teacher and are able to choose up to two books. One of these will be free choice and may require adult support and the other will be reading level appropriate. This second book will be chosen with the support of the class teacher. Year 4 also have additional weekly opportunities to visit the library or change their books on a Tuesday lunch time and a Wednesday break time.

Weekly overview

Please check the weekly overview on Google Classroom in order to find out more about what exactly we are doing in class each week. This is a great way to know areas you can support your child at home. For information about how to log on to Google Classroom, please see this [webpage](#). If you no longer have your child's login details, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Home learning

The home learning sheets for maths, English, wider curriculum are posted on our website and on Google Classroom, but do ask if you would like a paper copy. These will give you a clear overview of what we are working on in class with ideas for activities, websites to look at and a clear breakdown of the way some of these skills are taught in class. Mymaths and TTRockstars are also updated each half term and we strongly encourage the children to engage with these at home.

Trips

We are in the process of trying to book some trips in for the year and will hopefully soon be able to let you know the dates. So far we will be going to visit Christchurch Crouch End on the 28th November and we have booked The London Mithraeum for March and April next year. A trip letter will be sent home closer to the time.

Ball games at play

At break time and lunchtimes, the children are rotated to play football during lunch times and use the climbing frame. The children are provided a ball to play four square and children are still allowed to bring in table tennis equipment. Children are not, however, allowed to bring in their own footballs from home.

PE kits - We encourage all children to take part in as much sport and physical activity as possible but the health and safety of our children is our first concern. Therefore, we must insist that all children follow our PE kit guidelines. All children should come into school wearing their P.E kits on their P.E days. Our recommended kit consists of t-shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. Your child may also want a jumper for wearing outside in cold weather. Jewellery and watches must be removed before your child participates in any PE lessons. All long hair should be tied back.

If your child is not wearing the suitable clothing, they will have to wear one of our spare kits supplied by the school or may have to miss out on the P.E lesson. If your child is prone to forgetting to wear the correct P.E kit, please leave some spare clothes/shoes in a labelled bag on their peg.

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Healthy Snacks

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 also ask that children should only have plain water in their water bottles, not sugary flavoured water or juice.

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.

Online safety

At Coleridge, we place great emphasis on online safety. To learn about how we teach online safety at Coleridge, as well as hear advice on steps you can take at home to help your child stay safe online, please follow this [link](#) and watch the video.

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.

Dates for your diaries:

The school play!

This year the school production will be Aladdin. We are looking forward to inviting parents in to watch the performances on the following dates.

Tuesday 6th December – Orange cast AM; Blue cast PM

Wednesday 7th December – Red cast AM; Purple cast PM

Thursday 8th December – Blue cast AM; Orange cast PM

Friday 9th December – Purple cast AM; Red cast PM

Last week of term – there will be class parties for the children during the school day – more info to follow.

Friday 16th December - last day of term. Please note this is also Toy day when children can bring a toy from home to play with. We ask that the toy is not electronic, nothing too sentimental and also please do not send in any toy weapons.

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

Friday 17th March: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

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

As always, if you have any questions please do come and speak to your class teacher.

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