



November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half-term break and that you're feeling ready for the busy half term ahead!

Curriculum

English – We will be focusing on poetry this half term, using *Falling from the Sky*, an anthology of poems about myths and monsters from various cultures (particularly the myths of ancient Greece). In this topic, the children will look in depth at various poems. They will practise performing poems and will also be writing their own poetry inspired by particular poems from our focus text.

History – We begin the half term by doing a final lesson on Baghdad. The children will bring together all their knowledge and learning from the topic as a whole, to think like a historian in order to make connections and think more broadly about how Baghdad was connected to the rest of the ancient world.

We will then move on to our next topic: Anglo Saxon Britain. In this topic, we will learn about the arrival of the Angles, Saxons and Jutes to Britain, the reasons for their migration and the impact they had on life here. The topic will progress to learn about how Britain was divided into seven kingdoms, and to explore the spread of Christianity in the British Isles.

Geography – Similar to history, we begin the half term by doing a final lesson about California and the region's issues with drought. The children will think like a geographer in order to bring their learning and knowledge from the whole topic together, to focus on how the actions of people have affected the drought in California.

We will then move on to our next topic: Oceans. We will learn about the difference between the sea and an ocean, identify the five oceans of the world, explore salinity, maritime trade, and ocean currents. We will also focus on oceans and climate change and how human behaviour is affecting our oceans.

Science – We are continuing to learn about materials and their properties. We will continue to conduct experiments with the children, with a focus on moving their knowledge on, as well as their understanding of science vocabulary and the processes involved in conducting and writing up scientific investigations.

Maths – All maths groups are continuing with addition and subtraction, before moving on to statistics. Please keep referring to the weekly overview for more specific information.

Religions and worldviews – We are continuing to learn about Islam, with a focus on the Five Pillars of the Islamic faith. This half term will focus on: sawm and Ramadan, Zakah and the Hajj pilgrimage. Throughout our explorations of the faith and what it means to be a Muslim, we will continue to make connections with other faiths and also non-religious beliefs.

Reading - We continue with our whole class reading lessons and small group guided reading workshops. Some children will have a school reading book to take home, selected by their class teacher. Please ensure that if your child is given a school reading book, that they bring this to and from school every day, as they may require it for additional reading practice at school. Please also ensure to read this book with them at home.

We would really like to emphasise the importance of continuing to listen to your child reading aloud at home, even if they are able to read confidently independently. It is incredibly beneficial to your child in terms of developing their comprehension, vocabulary and ability to read with tone and expression.

Music – This year, all Year 5 children will be taking part in the choir for the school play. Therefore, in music and singing sessions, we will be practising the songs from Aladdin! We will also be learning Bon Jovi's *Livin' on a Prayer*, with a more general focus on the rock genre.

PSHE – We will continue with the topic: Family and Relationships. Moving on from our focus on friendships last half term, this half term we will learn about the importance of self-respect and how this affects happiness and decision-making. We will also learn that sometimes family relationships may make children feel unhappy and we will be supporting children to understand what they can do if this happens.

Design & Technology – We will be having a D&T day this half term! The children will learn to make pop-up books!

Computing – We will finish off learning about search engines and how they work, and will then move on to a new topic about music programming. Alongside this, we will continue to teach children about how to stay safe online.

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.

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.

PE Days:

Please note, 5O are due to start swimming on Thursday 17th November; all PE lessons will then be on Thursdays for the duration of their swimming sessions (please see the letter sent out).

	Week 1	Week 2
Purple class 5P	Monday & Wednesday	Thursday
Blue class 5B	Thursday	Monday & Wednesday
Red Class 5R	Thursday	Wednesday & Friday
Orange Class 5O	Tuesday & Friday	Thursday

The **Weekly Overview** is put on your child's Google Classroom every Friday at 6:00pm. This will let you know what is being taught in maths, English and wider curriculum subjects in the following week, as well as any current news. You can access this by logging on to Google Classroom using your child's login details. Your child should have this already (it is the same as last year). Please do ask your child's class teacher if you need a reminder of your child's Google Classroom login.

Dates for your diary

Trips

We have two trips coming up!

Monday 9th January – The Science Museum

Tuesday 21st February – The Natural History Museum

A letter with more details will be sent out nearer the time.

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.

Performances

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/>

Other information

- Please make sure the office has up to date contact details for you.
- We ask that children do not bring mobile phones into school. However, if they do, the phones must be switched off on school grounds and we cannot accept any responsibility for them.

We look forward to having a wonderful (and busy) half term.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team