



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a great summer and are now ready for the busy and exciting year ahead.

The Year 1 team this year are:

1R (Red class) – Orlagh Creamer (team leader)

1B (Blue class) – Toshiko Lisle

The teaching assistant for Red and Blue class will be Adriana Idrobo and on Monday and Tuesdays Rika Manabe will be with Red class.

1O (Orange class) – Phoebe Soteriades

1P (Purple class) – Lizzie Davies and Laura Bosworth

The teaching assistant for Orange and Purple classes will be Ayse Batuhan.

1P - Ms Davies and Ms Bosworth teach half of the week each. They change over on a Wednesday, when they have a thorough handover meeting.

Trina Hatchett will be the Year 1 interventions TA.

Ms Sarah Crawford will be teaching art to all four classes this year.

Also working with Year 1 this year will be Mario Vitrano (PE) and Rebecca Godfrey (PE and teacher cover).

Curriculum

Our **geography** topic for this half-term is 'Our World'. Building on exploring places that are special to them in Reception, children will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and study the countries they feel connected to, either through family, travel or interests. They will learn about the differences and similarities between places and think about why some places are rural and some are urban. We will also be introducing the work people do to conserve these beautiful vital regions.

Our **history** topic for next half-term is 'A Child Through Time'. We are going to learn how there are different types of 'long ago'. We will look at the lives of children in different places and different times. We will explore children in early civilisations in India, children in Sparta in Ancient Greece, a young girl living in Timbuktu in the 15th century and Victorian children working in factories in London. We will compare and contrast the lives of these children with our own lives in modern Britain.

Our **Science** topic is 'Animals including humans'. Within this we will be learning about different groups of animals. We will also be naming and labelling key parts of the human body and thinking about how we use our senses.

In **English**, we will be focusing on forming our letters correctly; using our phonics to sound out and write words; and beginning to write simple sentences.

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In **Maths**, we will be focusing on numbers up to 10. We will be ordering numbers and using language such as one more, one less, greater than, less than. We will also be adding and subtracting within 10.

In **Music**, our unit is 'An Introduction to Instruments'. We will be learning how to play percussion instruments with control.

In **Computing**, our unit is 'Algorithms Unplugged'. This unplugged unit requires no computers so that algorithms, decomposition and debugging are made relatable to familiar contexts, such as dressing up, following directions or making a sandwich, while learning why instructions need to be specific and unambiguous.

In **PE**, we will be focusing on gymnastics and games this term.

The children have two PE sessions each week, but the days vary on a fortnightly basis. A PE timetable will be displayed on their classroom door as well as on the school website.

1R – Week 1 – Friday. Week 2 – Thursday and Friday.

1B – Week 1 – Monday and Wednesday. Week 2 – Wednesday and Thursday.

1O – Week 1 – Tuesday and Friday. Week 2 – Monday and Wednesday.

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

Reading

Your child's reading day will be displayed in the classroom window soon. We will be sending home two banded reading books along with a library book that your child will choose themselves. Please listen to your child read every day for about 10 minutes. You can read the school books or other books that you may have that are of a similar level. You could also play some phonics/reading games if your child needs to practise sound recognition or key word recognition.

We are getting new reading diaries and will be sending them home in your child's bookbag when they arrive.

Please read the phonics and reading letter that we are sending home as this will give you more information about what we teach at school and how you can help your child at home.

Weekly overview

The weekly overview will be uploaded onto ParentHub every Friday afternoon. This will tell you what we are teaching the following week and will let you know of any important information that you may need to know.

MyMaths

MyMaths is an interactive online website that children can use to consolidate their maths learning. Use our school login (Username: coleridge1, Password: success74), and then your own login details, to access activities related to our current topic on the MyMaths website. Your login details will be sent home to you within the next few weeks.

Some of the MyMaths activities are harder than others and your child may need support with some activities. Feel free to try as many as you can, but don't worry if they find some of them too difficult. If this is the case, then please just move on and try something else.

New activities and games will be put on every term.

Clothes

Please ensure that your child's coats and jumpers are named so that it is easy for us to return them if they get lost.

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Junk Modelling

We would really appreciate any cardboard boxes for us to use for junk modelling (no toilet rolls or drinks cartons please).

Spare Clothes

We would really appreciate some spare clothes at school. If you have any old tracksuits bottoms, leggings, underwear or socks that your child does not need any more, please give them to your child's class teacher.

Money for cooking, arts and crafts

There is a money collection pot in each class where you can make a voluntary contribution for ingredients for playdough and cooking, and for arts and crafts materials (e.g. sequins, pipe cleaners, craft sticks, pompoms etc.). We are suggesting 50p/£1 per child and would greatly appreciate your support.

Curriculum Chat

We are inviting parents in for a curriculum chat on **Wednesday 20th September** at **9.05AM**. We will be explaining what happens in Year 1 and it will also give you the chance to meet all the other Year 1 parents. The talk will take place in the East hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

Trips

We will be organising some trips this year. We will let you know when these have been organised and booked.

If you have any questions or concerns please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. You can do this by emailing the school office - admin@coleridgeprimary.net. We will reply to emails or arrange a phone call with you.

Thank you for all your support and co-operation, we are looking forward to a happy and successful year together.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team

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