



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The Year 2 team this year is:

2O – Jessica Razimbaud (team leader)

2B – Florence Tapp

The teaching assistant for 2O and 2B is Deborah Rivet.

2R – Nina McMillan

2P – Kate Ibbotson

The teaching assistant for 2R and 2P is Basak Yavuz

Jessie Hood will be the Year 2 interventions TA.

Also working with Year 2 this year will be Isabel Richert (Art), Julia Yesilirmak (PSHE and RE) and Mario Vitrano (PE).

English

In **English**, the children will be concentrating on sentence writing with a focus on using nouns, verbs and adjectives to create interesting sentences. Children will learn to use *conjunctions* correctly.

Maths

In **Maths** this term, we will focus on counting and ordering numbers, odd and even numbers, number facts and place value up to 100. We will also add and subtract numbers within 20.

Topic

Our **topic** this half term is **Our Local Area: Crouch End**. This will predominantly be a Geography topic. We will look at and understand maps of the school and local area, as well as create our own maps that include a key. We will learn about the physical and human features of our local area, and make comparisons to cities and villages in other continents.

Science

Our **Science** topic is '**Living things and their habitats**'. We will distinguish between living and non-living things. We will look at a range of different animal habitats around the world.

PE

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their **PE kits** when it is their PE day. We try to do PE outside as much as possible, so please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear on their PE days. The children have PE twice each week, but the days vary on a fortnightly basis:

2B – Week 1 - Tuesday and Friday. Week 2 - Monday and Thursday.

2R – Week 1 - Tuesday and Wednesday. Week 2 - Monday and Friday.

2O – Week 1 - Wednesday and Thursday. Week 2 - Tuesday and Friday.

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

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In PE this half term, we will be practising the basic skills of throwing and catching, as well as doing gymnastics involving low and high movements.

Reading

In Year 2, children participate in guided reading sessions led by the class teacher. These will start next week. During a guided reading session, small groups of children take it in turns to read aloud and then collectively discuss the text. The sessions usually last 25-30 minutes and happen once a week. On your child's reading day (please see class timetables on the Year 2 doors), we will collect, and then send home, new books for your child to read. Please try to read with your child at home; ideally for at least 10 minutes daily, as this will have a pronounced effect on their progress. Any child still in the early stages of reading, will continue to receive 1:1 reading support. We will no longer write weekly in your child's reading diary, although we will sometimes add comments about specific progress made, or areas to work on at home. We will also hear your child read 1:1 during the penultimate week of each half term.

Library

Your child will get to visit the school library once a week, where they can check out a library book and take it home. If your child needs to change their book, please ensure they return it to their tray so that they can take it back the next time we visit the library. We regularly remind children when their library day is.

Spellings and handwriting

At the start of each week, children will be given six spellings to learn. These words will appear in the Year 2 Weekly Overview. Over the course of each week, we practise spelling these words in class and have an informal spelling test every Friday to see if children have learnt the spellings. As with reading, children's spelling can be dramatically improved with regular practice at home. A separate letter about spelling will be sent home soon, with tips and games that you can play to support your child's spelling.

Children will be learning the cursive script in Year 2. They will focus on joining different letters each week and we encourage all children to regularly use joined up handwriting by the end of Year 2.

Home Learning

Home Learning can be found on our website. Completed home learning will be displayed in the classroom. Please encourage and help your child to complete some of the Home Learning activities.

Year 2 Curriculum Chat

Our Curriculum Chat took place on Thursday 14th September. Thank you to all the parents & carers who came. If you were unable to attend, all the presentation slides will be uploaded on to the school website soon.

Weekly Overview

Information about what we are focusing on each week can be found in the **Weekly Overview** which will be put on Parent Hub each Friday afternoon. We encourage you to look at this each week so you can talk to your child about what they are doing in class, and support their learning in these areas where possible.

Drop off and Pick up

Registration is at **9.00am** and all children should be in class by this time. Children can come into school from **8.50am** and the door will be locked at **9.00am**. There will always be a Year 2 teacher at the door to greet your child. Please ensure your child arrives on time; lateness can be unsettling for

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children. If you are late, please register your child at the office. If your usual pick-up arrangement differs from normal then please let us know at the start of the day. If plans change during the day then please phone the office to let us know.

At the end of the day, 2R and 2P will go to the Haslemere playground to be collected. 2B and 2O will be in the Waverley playground to be collected. Please ensure that your child is dismissed by the teacher/TA before leaving.

Water Bottles

It is really important your child brings in a water bottle every day. Please make sure your child's water bottle is clearly labelled.

Belongings and school environment

Where possible, please label your child's belongings so we can return them in case they are misplaced. Please also talk to your child about looking after their belongings and school environment.

Trips

We will be organising some trips this year. More details will be sent closer to the time.

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.

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.

If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. You can do this by emailing the school office - admin@coleridgeprimary.net.

We are really looking forward to a happy and successful year.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 2 Team

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