



September 2024

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:

2B – Jessica Razimbaud (Year team leader)

2O – Elma Balkwill and Lizzie Davies

2P – Kirsten Schmidt

2R – Kate Ibbotson

Our Year 2 TAs this year are Adriana Idrobo, Charlie Hambis, Coral Lowcock, Jessie Hood/Louise Mattocks (mornings) and Dave Nice (afternoons).

Also working with Year 2 every other week will be Sarah Crawford (Art), Jason Bichri (computing) and Mario Vitrano (PE).

Our learning this half-term:

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**, 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 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 wearing trainers and clothes suitable for PE (leggings, tracksuit bottoms or shorts are all fine). The children have PE twice each week, but the days vary on a fortnightly basis:

2B – Week 1 - Tuesday and Thursday. Week 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday.

2R – Week 1 - Tuesday and Thursday. Week 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday.

2O – Week 1 - Monday and Wednesday. Week 2 – Wednesday and Thursday.

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

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Over the two weeks, one session will be with Mario Vitrano, and three sessions will be with the class teacher. 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. 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, 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. We will let you know once we have finalised reading days.

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. Please ensure your child returns their library book every week, as they will not be able to scan out a new one until the previous one is returned.

Library days: **2B - Friday**, **2O - Tuesday**, **2P - Tuesday**, **2R - Wednesday**

Spellings

At the start of each week, children will be given six spellings to learn. These words will also be put on Parent Hub every Friday evening for the following week. 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.

Handwriting

Children will be learning the cursive script in Year 2. We will begin by learning to use lead-in strokes for each letter, before starting to join different letters and we will encourage children to regularly use joined up handwriting by the end of Year 2.

Home Learning

Home Learning can be found on our website and will be sent out on ParentHub. Please encourage and help your child to complete some of the Home Learning activities.

Year 2 Curriculum Chat

Our Curriculum Chat will take place on **Wednesday 18th September** at **9am**. If you are unable to attend, the presentation slides will be uploaded on to the school website for you to read through.

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

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Registration is at **8.50am** and all children should be in class by this time. Children can come into school from **8.45am** and the door will be locked at **8.50am**. 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 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.

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 8.50am 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.

Dates for your diaries

Year 2 Curriculum chat – Wednesday 18th September at 9am

Parents' evening – 23rd October

INSET days (school closed for all children) – 4th November, 27th January & 14th March

School play week – 9th – 13th December

Carol Concert – 11th December

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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