Coleridge Primary School



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September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We are delighted to be welcoming the children back to school for an exciting year ahead, and we hope that you are too! Our first week was very busy, as it always is, but the children all seem happy to be back, and we are loving getting to know them.

The Year 4 team this year is:

- 40 Beth Whitley (Year Team Leader)
- 4B Bethan Risby
- 4P Zofia Stepniak
- 4R Kirstie Henry and Laura Bosworth

Support staff:

- Rachel Lambert (Mon-Weds)
- Dave Nice (Mon -Thurs AM only)
- Lucia Garrana (Tues-Fri)
- Jessie Hood / Louise Mattocks (Mon Fri PM only).

Curriculum

Maths and English - Each Friday, we will send home a 'Weekly Overview' via Parent Hub, which will outline what we are covering in Maths and English the following week. Our topics this half term are:

Maths – place value and addition and subtraction

English – Pool by JiHyeon Lee and 'Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf.

History – Our topic is 'The Roman Republic.'

Science – Our first topic is 'States of Matter.'

Geography - Our first topic is 'The Rhine and the Mediterranean.'

Music – Our first topic is listening, singing, and composing music inspired by "Mamma Mia" by ABBA. **Religion and Worldviews** – The first term will be spent learning about Christianity, including learning about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Computing – Jason Bichri will teach Computing once a fortnight. The first lessons will focus on online safety. Afterwards, the children will learn how to create and change websites.

PE – Once a fortnight, Mario Vitrano will teach PE. Class teachers will teach three other PE lessons over a two-week period. The topics this term will be gymnastics, dance, and invasion games.

Art – 4R and 4B art lessons will be taught by Sarah Crawford once a fortnight.

4P and 4O art lessons will be taught by **Gemma Curtis** once a fortnight.

It is vital that children are dressed appropriately for PE. Therefore, we ask that you ensure children come to school wearing a suitable PE kit (including trainers) on the following days:

4B

Week 1: Tuesday and Friday Week 2: Tuesday and Thursday

4R

Week 1: Tuesday and Wednesday

Week 2: Tuesday and Friday

4P

Week 1: Monday and Thursday Week 2: Tuesday and Thursday

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*Please note if children are unable to participate in PE, a letter needs to be brought in from a parent or carer explaining the reason why they cannot take part in the session.

Curriculum Chat-Tuesday 24th September

Year 4 will be holding their Curriculum Chat on Tuesday 24th September straight after drop off at 9:00am in the West Hall. This will be a brief overview of the Year 4 curriculum and a chance to ask any questions you may have. It should last no longer than 45 minutes. Tea, coffee & biscuits will be provided by Coleridge Families. If you are not able to attend the curriculum chat, all of the information will be made available in the Year 4 area on the school website.

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 as soon as possible.

Home Learning

English, maths and wider curriculum home learning will be sent out every half term. Spellings will be sent home and tested every Tuesday. Exercises, which link to our maths learning, will be set on Mymaths each half term.

Times tables - This year, children will have a times table test every **Friday**. Each week, the class teacher will inform the children which times table they need to practice. The children will be tested on the same times table for three weeks to ensure that the number facts are embedded. We strongly recommend children practise 2 or 3 times a week on TTrockstars for 10 to 15 minutes. If the children would prefer to use times tables sheets to practise, please let their class teacher know and we can print them for you.

School Trips

We are in the process of booking some trips for the coming year. We will let you know as soon as these have been arranged.

Dates for your diaries

Year 4 Curriculum chat – Tuesday 24^{th} September at 9am Parents' evening – 23^{rd} October INSET days (school closed for all children) – 4^{th} November, 27^{th} January & 14^{th} March School play week – 9^{th} – 13^{th} December Carol Concert – 11^{th} December

Finally, please let us know if there's anything you'd like to discuss with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing **admin@coleridgeprimary.net**. Thank you for your support. We're looking forward to a successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team