



September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5. We are really happy to be at the beginning of a fresh school year with your children!

The Year 5 team:

Blue class	(5B):	Selin Akyildiz (Year Team Leader)
Purple class	(5P):	Nasra Mohamed
Red Class	(5R):	Rosie Elliott
Orange Class	(5O):	Florence Tapp

Sue Wickings and Mario Vitrano will be supporting children across the year group either in a one-to-one capacity or in small groups.

Curriculum Chat

Our Curriculum Chat will be on **Tuesday 17th September**, at 9:00am in the West Hall. We will give a brief overview of the curriculum in Year 5, in which we hope to cover most of the things that you may have questions about. You will of course be able to email your child's class teacher (via admin@coleridgeprimary.net) if you want to ask anything that we do not cover in the chat. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend, all the presentation slides will be uploaded on to the school website.

Curriculum

We started our first units of work for both maths and English this week. More information about the content of these can be found in the **Weekly Overview**, which will be put on to Parent Hub every Friday afternoon. We encourage you to look at this so that you can talk to your child about what they are doing each week, and support their learning in these areas where possible.

English – this is taught in class and the weekly overview will provide more information each week. Spellings will be sent home weekly in your child's spelling book, and spelling tests will take place every Friday. The spelling list will also be put on Parent Hub each week.

Maths – will be taught in sets. A brief overview of the areas of learning for each week will be on the Weekly Overview.

History – Our first topic is 'The City of Baghdad', which focuses on the creation of the city in 750 CE.

Geography – Our first topic, 'California', focuses on the causes, impact and efforts to address drought in the region.

Science – We begin with 'Materials and their Properties'.

Computing – The first topic is 'Online Protection & Computer Systems and Networks' – focusing on search engines.

Religions and world views – This whole term, we focus on learning about Islam in our topic, 'What does it mean to belong to the Islamic religion?'

Music – We are learning to rap 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air', as well as appraising and comparing different styles of hip-hop songs. We encourage children who are learning an instrument out of school, to bring these in for their music lesson days.

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PE – Class teachers will be teaching their class PE each week, and Mario Vitrano will teach each class once every two weeks. Each class will have a block of eight swimming sessions at Park Road Swimming Pool. You will receive a letter informing you when your child is due to begin their swimming lessons.
Art – this is taught by Gemma Curtis every fortnight.

PE

Children will need to wear their PE kit on their PE days. This should be clothing that they can move easily and comfortably in, and trainers. All children with shoulder length hair and longer must tie it up for PE lessons, and just like the rest of the school day, no jewellery (apart from stud earrings) should be worn. Children may have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing.

PE timetable

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

Trips

We are excited to announce that we have a school trip booked for next half term, which will be on **Wednesday 13th November**. We will be taking the children to see a specially designed schools' concert by the London Symphony Orchestra, at Barbican Hall. This will directly support our music topic for next half term. A separate message with more details will be sent out nearer the time. We are also currently in the process of researching and booking trips for the rest of this academic year.

Home Learning

English, maths and wider curriculum home learning will be sent out every half term. Spellings will be sent home weekly.

Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances

Please ensure that you have given your child's class teacher any necessary medication and please ensure that any existing medication in school is in date.

Dates for your diaries

Year 5 Curriculum chat – Tuesday 17th September at 9am

Parents' evening – 23rd October

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

LSO trip at Barbican Hall – 13th November

School play week – 9th – 13th December

Carol Concert – 11th December

We are all very excited about the year ahead and we want to thank you for your continued support. We welcome parental involvement, so feel free to talk to your class teacher about any ways that you would like to engage with the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing admin@coleridgeprimary.net

We look forward to making this a happy and successful year.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team