Coleridge Primary School



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September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. We are really happy to see the children again after the summer holidays!

The Year 6 team:

Purple class (6P): Natalie Thorn (Year Team Leader)

Red Class (6R): Jemma Driver
Orange Class (6O): George Southey
Blue class (6B): Jon Goddard

Jo Hewett, Jo Bewick and Bryce Martin will be supporting children across the year group either in maths or English lessons, or working with small groups of children in the afternoons. Mr Ibbotson will be teaching a maths group.

Curriculum Chat

Our Curriculum Chat will take place on **Monday 23rd September**. In this chat we will talk you through the Year 6 curriculum and what to expect over the year. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided by Coleridge families. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. If you are unable to attend, all the presentation slides will be uploaded on to the school website soon after.

Curriculum

We have 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 – Is taught in sets but we all use the same texts and follow the same units of work. In our first unit we are using the book 'Suffragettes, the battle for equality' by David Roberts.

Spellings will be posted weekly on Parent hub. The children will have a spelling book that they keep at school to do practise activities in. At home, please support your child to practise writing these words in sentences. Spelling tests will take place every Friday in class. Initially all children will be given the same words but where necessary, after a few weeks, we may differentiate spellings more to suit varying abilities. We will talk to you about this if we are sending different spellings home for your child. **Maths** – will be taught in sets. A brief overview of the areas of learning for each week will be on the Weekly Overview. Our first unit is on Place value.

History – 'The Maya', this topic focuses on the creation of the city in 750 CE. We will be learning about the culture of the Maya.

Geography – 'Energy and Climate' is our first unit. Within this unit we will be learning about different energy sources and climate change.

Science – 'Animals, Including Humans'. In this topic we will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, and learning about the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood

Computing – 'Online Safety & The History of Computers'

Religions and world views – 'How People Express their Views'

D&T – Our first unit is 'Textiles'. We will be designing and creating waistcoats!

Computing – Jason Bichri will teach each class computing lessons every other week.

PE - Will be taught by class teachers and Mario Vitrano every other week.

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 loose fitting clothing and trainers. If they have long hair this needs to be tied up for PE. Children may have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing.

PE timetable

	Week 1	Week 2
Purple class 6P	Tuesday and Thursday	Wednesday
Blue class 6B	Tuesday and Friday	Wednesday and Thursday
Red Class 6R	Wednesday and Thursday	Monday and Thursday
Orange Class 60	Wednesday and Friday	Monday and Wednesday

Home Learning

English, maths and wider curriculum home learning will be sent out every half term. Spellings will be sent home weekly. Whilst home learning is optional, we do expect children to read and learn their spellings each week.

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.

We are all very excited about the year ahead and are enjoying getting to know your children. If you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Dates for your diaries

Year 6 Curriculum chat – Monday 23^{rd} 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

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

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team