



Coulsdon Church of England Primary School

Year 4

**Success is the ability to go
from one failure to another with
no loss of enthusiasm.**

Winston Churchill

Adults in the class:

TEACHERS:

Mrs. Karen Newsome

TA - Mrs. Diane Dawson - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings

1:1 Support Staff - Miss Hazeldine and Mrs. Ronco - mornings

Mrs. Bartlett lunchtimes

Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Coombe afternoons

Mrs. Hollobone - covering Monday and Tuesday afternoons

Please feel free to come in and speak with any of us.

If unable to do so, please contact the office where a message can be passed on to us or contact me through Google Classroom.



Class Expectations

- We will be continue to use Brilliant Learning Behaviours as a way of the children looking at their attitude to learning. These are: perseverance, concentration, being a good listener, independence, reflection, self-control, motivation, good thinking and respect.
- We are also working on our Growth Mindset (changing our attitude to learning and growing our brain), where it is a good place to be to be challenged or not know an answer, (being in the pit) but it's what we do about it that is important.

Changes in school due to Covid19

In the Classroom:

- Children wash their hands when coming into class first thing in the morning, when going out to break, when coming in from break, before lunch, after lunch and use a sanitiser before going home.
- Children sit in rows of either 2 or 4
- Each child has their own provided pencil case, ruler, glue, scissors, whiteboard which is kept in their tray which they have out under the desk.
- Children are not allowed to walk around the classroom.
- Water bottles are kept at the desks.
- Lunch is eaten in the classroom.
- Children sit in the same seat for the week, this is then changed on Monday.
- Reading Books can be changed on a Friday - any book returned to school cannot be given out again for 3 days.

Outside and around the school:

- Children are not allowed to mix with children from other classes (bubbles).
- Each class has their own zone in the playground to play in for the week. These are changed around each week.
- Children are not allowed to walk around the school.
- Each class has their own toilet allocated that they must use.
- Entry and exit to school has been staggered and different points of access have been allocated to different classes.
- Desks are cleaned by the class staff at breaktime and twice at lunchtime.
- Toilets are cleaned by lunchtime supervisors at lunchtime.



Homework



The government recommendation as an appropriate time allocation for homework activities is Years 3 and 4 - 1.5 hours per week

This homework might include:

Daily Reading practise.

Weekly spellings - given on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

Maths activity - given on a Wednesday and due in on the following Monday.

Literacy activity - given on a Monday and due in on Friday.

RM Easimaths activities on a computer or iPad.

Times Table Rockstars on a computer or iPad.

Lexia Core5 activities on a computer or iPad for selected children.

Activities based on, or linked to, the class theme or topic (using Cornerstones Home Learning ideas).

Pre-learning tasks - researching about a topic or area about to be covered to gain prior knowledge to use in class, usually set for half term break.

Homework is designed to reinforce knowledge taught in the classroom and should not be a struggle! If there is a difficulty with a piece of homework, please come in to speak with me or write me a note.

Curriculum

At Coulsdon we teach through topics.

It enhances the children's learning and increases motivation.

Where possible, links are made between our curriculum subjects and the topics.

This year the pupils will look at:

- Autumn 1 – I am Warrior - History Focus

RE: Who is Jesus?

Science: Working Scientifically

Light and Sound

- Autumn 2 – Misty Mountain – Sierra - Geography focus

RE: Should every Christian go on a Pilgrimage?

Is Peace the most important message of Christmas?

Science: Working Scientifically

Plants

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- Spring 1 – Burps, Bottoms and Bile – Science focus
- RE: What are the 5 pillars of Islam and why are they important to Muslims?
- Science: Working Scientifically
- Forces

- Spring 2 - Road Trip USA – Geography Focus

RE: How do Christians believe following Jesus' New Commandment and his two greatest commandments make a difference?

Holy Communion

Science: Working Scientifically

Animals, including humans

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- Summer 1 – 1066- History focus

RE: What do the miracles of Jesus Teach?

Science: Working Scientifically

Electricity

- Summer 2 – Potions – Science focus

RE: How has the Christian message survived for over 2000 years?

Science: Working Scientifically

Substance, matter and materials

Curriculum letters will be sent out half termly.



Healthy Schools



- The school are keen to promote their emphasis on keeping healthy.
- Children often like to bring in something to share with their class on their birthdays. Sadly at this time this is not allowed.
- Could parents please support this through giving their children a healthy lunchbox.
- The children have been getting very hungry through the day and we have been providing them with a plain biscuit - please feel free to bring in a sealed packet that can be shared with the class.
- Children are allowed to bring in fruit for a snack at breaktime.
- Water is available in school throughout the day. Could all pupils please have a drinks bottle with them - water bottle challenge!



Uniform



School Uniform List

Boys

- Grey trousers/shorts
- white polo shirt
- Bottle green/holly red Jumper
- Black/brown shoes, plain grey socks

Girls

- Bottle green pinafore dress (winter), red/white, green/white checked dress (summer)
- White polo shirt
- Bottle green/berry red jumper/cardigan
- White socks/ green or red tights
- Black/brown shoes (sandals in summer- not open-toed or white please)
- (regulation grey trousers may also be worn in the winter)

Outdoor wear: either-

- Red or bottle-green waterproof fleece/anorak
- Other dark-coloured coat
- Hats, baseball caps and gloves



PE Kit



- Red shorts and white T-shirts
- Black jogging bottoms and school sweatshirt (for outdoor games).
- Trainers for outside PE.

Children come into school wearing their kit on a PE day. This is a Monday and Wednesday at the moment.

PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM IS CLEARLY NAMED!



Partnership

- Parents / Children and School. This partnership is important for a child's development.
- Can you please inform me of any changes in a pupil's home environment e.g. bereavement, hospitalisation, separation etc.
- Please email or send messages in your child's bookbag.
- Bedtimes - the recommendation is that the average for an 8-year-old is 10 hours and 15 minutes, which can vary by up to an hour either way.
- If there is any change to who is collecting your child, please notify either myself or one of the class TA's or contact the school office.

