This is how you can help me at home:

Welcome back to school. Hopefully we all had a restful summer break. It is tiring getting used to the routine of school again, therefore encouraging me to have a good night's sleep and a healthy diet is really important.

Reading – We need to read for 20 minutes every night to build up our stamina. We are very familiar with Accelerated Reader now, but our aim is to achieve 100% in all our Reading Quizzes. Help me at home by asking me about my book and making sure I use my Reading Journal to take notes on what I read. You will also find my reading targets, the first being to get five 100% scores on quizzes. Check out the Parent Information Booklet:
https://www.coleyprimary.reading.sch.uk/accelerated-reader-5/

We will have weekly homework to complete. It will be given on a ***Friday*** *to return on the following* ***Wednesday****. We will be practising our spellings in different ways and completing a maths activity. I will also have to complete at least three topic activities each term (see Homework Grid in blue Homework books).*

Homework should help us practise and build confidence. If your child is finding an activity too difficult, please do not worry or struggle through it at home. Write us a note or come and talk to us so that we can help or suggest a more suitable activity.

By the end of Year 4, I need to be able to recall all my times tables and division facts, so please help me at home by asking me questions. However, secure number bonds and basic addition and subtraction facts are just as important. Practising number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 will help me become quicker and more confident with lots of other maths.

PE – Outside PE is on a Monday. Inside PE is on a Tuesday.
Please make sure your child comes to school wearing PE kit on these days. When we are doing indoor PE, we must have shorts or leggings to wear for safety reasons or we won't be able to use the equipment.

If you have any questions, please contact my teachers.

Thank you – Mrs McIlwain and Ms Kimonos

My Class Newsletter



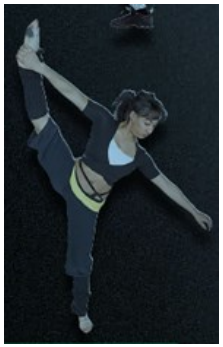














Year 4
Term 1

Dear Mum, Dad, Carer,

This is what I will be learning in Term 1

Maths

In maths we will be learning place value to numbers up to 10 thousand and be comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. We will be learning to use written methods to work out addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. Alongside the written methods we will be continuing to use mental methods to solve problems when we can. We will also review and

History

This term in History we are going to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will find out about their empire, including how it was founded, why it was successful, and why it eventually ended. We will be looking at Ancient Egyptian culture including clothes, food and religious beliefs. We will be learning about some famous Pharaohs and how Ancient Egyptians used hieroglyphics to write.

Art

In art this term we will be developing our sketching skills, drawing insects with pencil and with colour, designing mosaics and making shadow puppets for a shadow theatre!

English

We will be starting this term by learning an instructional text - 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and having fun with games that help us to understand how instructions work. We will then be looking at Zelda Claw - a tale of fear - and writing our own stories in a similar style. Our grammar focus includes: *Using prepositions and adverbs, adding subordinating clauses to main clauses and using fronted adverbials.*

Our class reader is "Charlotte's Web", and for whole class reading, we are reading a selection of narrative texts related to nursery rhymes and some non-fiction text related to the Ancient Egyptians and States of Matter.

PSHE

Our Coley value this term is Belonging. We will be thinking about what it means to belong to a community, including the sharing of responsibilities. We will also be looking at the importance of respecting ourselves and others and developing skills to respect our differences and similarities, including discussing differences sensitively.

PE

In Real PE I will be working on the Personal cog; learning to consistently embrace challenge, persevere, and take responsibility for my own learning. Outdoors, I will be working on my coordination, footwork and one leg balance; indoors, I will be working on rotation and balances through gymnastics.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing on believing and belonging. We will explore the question: 'How special is the Jews relationship with God?'

Science

In Science, we are looking at states of matter and will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. We will be finding out about evaporation and condensation, including how these processes fit into the water cycle.

Computing

We are learning about computer networks and becoming network engineers. We will explore how devices connect and share information safely.

French

We will be asking and answering questions about where we live, counting to 100 and learning more about France.

Music

In music, we will be learning how to use our voices rhythmically and to add expression to enhance a performance.