

Coly Class
Autumn Term Information 2011

Equipment - The children are encouraged to bring and look after their own pencils, crayons, pens etc. These should be kept in a pencil case (one only, it needs to be small enough to be kept in their trays and left in school. **NO BIRO PENS!**

Water Bottles - We encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the day to maintain a healthy lifestyle and promote concentration. They have access to the water cooler in the corridor. We **do not** encourage water bottles in class as these are often left in school and are not hygienic.

If the children want a healthy snack from the tuck shop they can bring in 20p each day but they are responsible for it. We do not allow other snacks to be brought in unless requested by the teachers or for health reasons.

PE Kits - Wherever possible these should be kept in school during the week and only taken home at weekends or holidays for washing. The children need indoor kits for Tuesday and outdoor kits for Friday. The latest advice on footwear is now for children to wear trainers for both indoor and outdoor PE because they give more support to the feet. Children can wear football boots for soccer, etc but no metal studs and all children **must wear shin pads**. Please can we keep PE bags to a sensible size. Requests for children to be excused from PE should only be for medical reasons and should **always** be put in writing by a parent or guardian.

Clothing - All clothing should be named. This reduces the amount of time sorting out lost property for both parents and teachers. Children in this class are taught to be responsible for their clothing and as a result teachers **will not search for any lost items**.

Medicines - Teachers will administer medicines but the correct 'Green Form' **must** be signed by a parent or guardian **before** this is done. Pupils are allowed to keep possession of their own inhalers but, again, the correct forms must be completed and teachers informed.

Homework - Children are normally set homework twice a week in this class. On Wednesday it is Maths which should be returned by Friday and on Friday it is English which should be returned by the following Monday. Mrs Quick may also set some Science. This will be given out on Monday and be expected back the following Monday. **Spellings will also be sent home on a Friday to be learnt ready for a test the following Thursday. We also expect the children to read around 50 pages a week in their reading books. (Around 7 pages a day this includes both home and school)**

Reading - Children are expected to undertake private reading each day in this class, especially during registration periods both in the morning and afternoon. It is also a time set aside for changing books so it is essential that your child has his/her book in school each day. **For both practical and safety reasons please ensure your children change books as they arrive at school if they have finished them at home the night before.**

Rewards - Well Done Cards are given for good work, sporting and artistic achievement, being helpful, caring, etc. The children collect these and once they have ten they can exchange these for a Gold Card and have a Non-Uniform Day. This is always the **Friday** of that week. A Non-Uniform day is also allowed on the day of a child's birthday or if it falls at the weekend the nearest school day to it.

In Home Work Books three stars equal one well done card

Topics - This term the children will be studying the following:

English - Traditional Stories - Fables, Myths and Legends. Recounts in Newspapers and Magazines. Journalistic Writing. Creating Images through Poetic Style

Maths - Activities involving Place Value, The Four Operations, Fractions, Shape, Space and Measure and interpreting and presenting data in pictorial form

Science - Forces and Magnets, Changing State. (How materials change through heat and freezing etc)

Humanities - Explorers. Focus on early explorers and especially how the continent of South America was explored, looking at the role of the Conquistadors and the Ancient Civilisations

Design Technology - Making Shelters or Bridges

R.E. and PSHE - Faith and the Arts. Inspirational People

Art - Printing using different materials and techniques. Looking at styles from around the world. (Link to Humanities Topic)

ICT - Multimedia Presentation using PowerPoint. Control and Monitoring Kits linked to the computer.

Music - Composing using instruments and singing as a group, in 'a round' etc

PE - Football 1st Half Term and Netball 2nd Half Term

Weekly Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<i>Mr Bettison</i> Handwriting <i>Mrs Quick</i> Numeracy (Number) Literacy	<i>Mrs Quick</i> Guided Reading Literacy Numeracy (Number)	<i>Mrs Quick</i> ICT Numeracy (Number) Literacy	<i>Mrs Bowmer</i> Singing <i>Mr Bettison</i> Spelling and Grammar Numeracy (Shape/Measure) Mental Maths	<i>Mr Bettison</i> Extended Writing Numeracy (Shape/Measure)
Afternoon	<i>Mrs Quick</i> Reading Mental Maths Science	<i>Mrs Quick</i> PE RE PSHE/ Circle Time	<i>Mrs Quick</i> Music <i>Mr Bettison</i> Humanities/ DT Swimming 1st half term	<i>Mr Bettison</i> ICT <i>Mrs Bowmer</i> Ukuleles <i>Mrs Burleigh</i> French Mr Bettison Speaking and Listening	<i>Mrs C Wilson</i> Art <i>Mr Bettison</i> PE

Though Mrs Quick and Mr Bettison are the designated class teachers, other members of staff are used for their expertise in certain areas or to cover PPA Time (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) which every member of staff is entitled to by law.

As you can appreciate teachers are busy in the mornings preparing work that will provide a high quality education for your children. With this in mind we request that pupils are not brought into the class until 8:45am onwards unless prior arrangements have been made. We are available for brief discussions about things you feel we need to know about your children but prefer that discussions of a longer nature be held after school when we can give you and your children the time you deserve. This can be an informal talk or a more formal appointment at a mutually agreed time.