

Isleham Primary School Year 6 Spring News

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Welcome to Year 6

Mrs Tait & Mrs Cole

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term in Year 6! On behalf of myself and the team, we hope that you have all had a restful and re-energizing Christmas holiday.

Our topic this term is 'Our Changing World' which will have a Physical Geography focus looking at our changing national landscape in Spring 1 before turning our attention to changing global landscapes in Spring 2. Our English text 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell will help to support our topic. The class novels arrived just before Christmas to the pupils' great excitement!

Spring Term in Year 6 is a hard-working term. We will have a lot to get through in preparation for the year 6 SATs in May so please do help your child achieve the most out of the term by ensuring they are well rested, well fed and in school well on time and ready to learn.

Please also ensure they have all they need for each school day (see timetable below) including a water bottle, a healthy snack and a waterproof coat – we like to take them outside as much as possible to have fresh air.

We are so pleased that the home-school books/homework diaries have been received so well and it is great to see the Year 6 pupils taking even greater responsibility in filling in their homework on the relevant days. This is fantastic preparation for moving to college in September. Please don't forget to look at the reading focus for each week as the task pupils are asked to complete is related to the Year 6 reading objectives.

Each day please remember:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework diary	Homework diary	Homework diary	Homework diary	Homework diary
Water bottle	Water bottle	Water bottle	Water bottle	Water bottle
Healthy snack	Healthy snack	Healthy snack	Healthy snack	Healthy snack
Waterproof coat	Waterproof coat	Waterproof coat	Waterproof coat	Waterproof coat
	Indoor PE kit		Outdoor PE kit	Ukulele (Spring 1)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any points to raise or matters to discuss. I will be available for a quick chat after school most days and I will be more than happy to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues further.

Mrs Tait ☺

**For Your
Calendar:**

Tuesday 14th January at 3:20pm
Y6 SATs information evening for
pupils and parents in Y6 class

Wednesday 12th February
4pm-7pm Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 25th February
5pm-8pm Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 31st March
Year 6 Class Cafe

What we are learning this term:

English

We will be using the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell as a stimulus for our writing tasks in Spring term. From this text we plan to write fiction and non-fiction texts along with poetry and plays.

Editing written work (proof-reading and up-levering) will take a major focus this term helping pupils to really show off their abilities in writing and to create opportunities to show off Year 6 writing criteria.

Maths

In Maths, we will drip-feed arithmetic each day to ensure pupils are confident in using the 4 operations for whole numbers, decimals and fractions and can also find percentages of quantities and use BODMAS accurately. In Spring 1 we will focus on Measure and in Spring 2 we'll turn our attention to Shape and Data Handling/Statistics. This will leave us with a few final elements (ratio and proportion and algebra) to cover after Easter before SATs.

Topic – Geography focus

In Spring 1, we will focus on our local and national changing landscapes looking at weathering and erosion and how this has an impact on our coastlines and landscapes.

In Spring 2, we will turn our attention to global landscapes by looking at 'Magnificent Mountains'. We will compare famous mountains from around the world and consider the physical and human geography related to them.

Science

Our unit of Science this term will be 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Here we will start by exploring inheritance, variation and adaptation. We will find out how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. The children will also find out how living things evolve via natural selection and how they adapt to their surroundings in order to survive and thrive!

Music and RE

We will be continuing weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Wright on Friday mornings until February half term. We also have our Young Voices event at the O2 Arena to look forward to on **Tuesday 4th February**.

In RE our Spring 1 unit is 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?' and in Spring 2 we'll look at our final Christianity unit 'Salvation' which is appropriate in the lead up to Easter.

Art and Design Technology

Global Food is our focus in DT in Spring 1. As well as considering where our food comes from and what makes a balanced diet, we plan to prepare some dishes using a variety of skills. Aprons at the ready!

In Art in Spring 2 we will be studying the artists: Brancusi, Sweeney, Rousseau, Flint and Calder. We will look at their artwork and consider their techniques before trying to replicate them ourselves.

PE and French

We are fortunate to have Mr Stevens continuing to run Outdoor PE lessons this term. He will focus on Quicksticks and Netball in preparation for competitions. In Indoor PE we will cover Gymnastics in Spring 1 and Dance in Spring 2.

Mrs Barber will continue to teach French lessons every Thursday afternoon. This term she will focus on: Houses and Homes, Opinions and Qualifiers, Easter, My Bedroom and Descriptions.

ICT and PSHE

In ICT, we will be using our knowledge and understanding of micro-bits and robo-bits to plan and develop an APP for a younger year group. We'll also continue to look at e-safety units that are particularly relevant for Year 6 pupils.

In PSHE we will be looking at:

- Financial Capability
- Family and Friends
- Drug Education