

# Isleham Primary School Year 6

# Autumn News

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## Welcome to Year 6

Miss Hunt, Mrs Airey and Mrs Cole

Welcome to another year at Isleham Primary School! On behalf of myself and the team we hope you have all had a lovely summer and warmly welcome you and your children to Year 6. Our topic this term is 'World at War' which will have a History focus. I'm sure the children will enjoy learning about such an interesting topic.

Firstly, thank you so much to so many of you who provided us with shoe boxes and newspapers for our DT project this week. The children have been busy designing their shape sorter toys to share with their buddies and to teach them mathematical shape vocabulary. I really hope this enthusiasm continues all year!

We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us. This term we will be visiting Soham Village College for the STEM Challenge, Mildenhall College Academy for a music workshop and Duxford Imperial War Museum after half term. The class will be learning the ukulele in school from September - February. To get the most out of this tuition the children will need to play at home and make sure their instrument is in school every Tuesday. The children will be taking on more responsibilities around the school this year, starting with meeting their buddies on 08/9/17 and with House Captain elections on 12/9/17. Each week please remember:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE kit	Ukulele lesson	Homework due in	PE kit	Homework set

Please ensure that outdoor and indoor PE kits are in school **every day** as we may have weather/timetable changes! Hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tied up for PE and earrings removed. Girls also need spare socks for PE when it is cold and they are wearing tights!

I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities during the coming year to help out in school with special days or on educational visits if you are willing and available. Please contact me if you are available to join us! 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.

Our class assembly date is: **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November (2.40pm)**

We have lots of exciting plans for Year 6 and I look forward to working with you all again this year.

Thank you for your continued support. Miss Hunt ☺



### Adults in Yr6



Teacher: Miss Hunt  
TA: Mrs Cole (Mon - Tues)  
TA: Mrs Airey (Weds - Fri)

### Important dates:

SATs Week 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Residential 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
More details coming soon!

## How-to-help

- Support your child with daily reading at home (at least 15 mins).
- Support your child with learning their times tables regularly at home. Up to 12x12.  
Useful websites:  
<http://resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk>  
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- E-safety: Parents and carers play a key role in supporting children to learn about how to stay safe online.
  - Check out - <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> for more advice...

## Homework

Children will be expected to read daily at home. They will have the opportunity to visit the library when they need to change their books. Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and books need to be brought back to school by **Wednesday** at the latest in order for it to be marked and new homework set accordingly. Homework will consist of a combination of SPAG activities, reading comprehensions and Maths activities. Children will have their logins stuck in their books to websites where tasks can be set to complete where appropriate. Homework will vary each week depending on what we have been covering in class. The children will each have a homework book, which will have the tasks for the week on a sticker and also a homework folder to keep their work in to avoid damage. We will be covering spelling rules and patterns in class however we will be sending home spellings from the statutory KS2 lists each week for the children to make sure that they know. For most children this will be revision but please check that your child is confident with these each week. We appreciate your support with homework and hope that the sharing of learning is a positive process and does not dominate home life.

### For Your Calendar:

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Music Workshop at MCA/  
Harvest Festival

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
STEM Challenge at Soham Village College

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parent Consultations

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
School closed for pupils - PD Day  
**23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October Half Term**

# What we are learning this term:

# World at War

## English

We will be studying a range of fiction stories this half term, focusing on key narrative techniques such as flashbacks and characterisation. Our stimulus will be a range of film clips and our focus book will be 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian.

In guided reading we will read books such as: Carrie's War, Friend or Foe and the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.

## Maths

We will focus on securing place value and number knowledge early on in Year 6, followed by revising mental Maths and written strategies across the four operations. Towards the end of this half term we will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be working on our accuracy and efficiency in arithmetic calculations and also our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.

## Humanities - History/Topic

We will be learning about how World War II started, including the events which led up to the outbreak of War and the effects and devastation it left behind. We will be learning about the effect of the Blitz and its place in history. We will find out about the need for evacuation and identify war time jobs and the effect of propaganda. We will be exploring Britain's past using a range of sources and comparing it to life today through thoughtful discussion.

## Art and Design Technology

In Art we will be painting our own blitz skylines. We will be focusing on accuracy and imagination and how to communicate emotions through our artwork. We will also be sketching different types of aeroplanes used in World War II in the style of famous artists. Here we will be learning about and justifying our choices of sketching techniques for a purpose. In DT we will be designing and making shape sorter toys for our reception buddies. We will research existing products and make shapes from mathematical nets.

## Music and French

We are very lucky to be having weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Wright on a Tuesday afternoon. Our focus for music this term will be linked to our topic where we will be considering the role music played during WWII. We will compare different wartime music to modern day music, improve our singing skills, listen and analyse specific music. Mrs Barber will teach French lessons every other Thursday with a focus on classroom instructions, opinion, sports and sports clothing and also masculine and feminine forms.

## ICT and PE

We will be using iPads to research and present our ideas in different ways. This term we will be using our virtual space - STARZ. We will also be creating our own blog to share our opinions and experiences safely and securely. PE lessons will be on a Monday and on a Thursday afternoon. The Thursday session will be led by Mr Stephens. This term we will be playing net games, tag rugby, gymnastics and OAA (outdoor adventurous activating/orienteering).

## Science

Our first unit of Science in Year 6 will be 'Light'. Here we will be learning how the eye works and how it sees. We will learn how light travels, as well as investigating colours and shadows in theory and practically. Towards the end of this half term we will be making a periscope so please bring in any A4 sized cereal boxes if you have can! Thank you in advance. After half term our unit will be 'Electricity' where we will explore and use electrical components in a product.

## RE and PSHE

In RE our unit this half term is Incarnation, where we will be discussing the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' After half term our unit will be Gospel, where we will be discussing the question, 'What would Jesus do?' 'Rights, Rules and Responsibilities' is our first topic in PSHE where we will understand what basic human rights are and who is responsible for them. Mrs Barber will teach PSHE every other week on a Thursday afternoon.

## For Your Calendar:

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Y6 School Trip to Duxford  
Imperial War Museum

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Y6 Sharing Assembly  
2.40 start

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of Autumn Term  
Christmas Holiday