

# Isleham Primary School Year 5

# Autumn News

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## Welcome to Year 5

Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Deacon and the team

We hope you all had a safe and fun packed holiday and have sent the children back to school refreshed and ready for learning! It has been great to see the children back at school and already working with enthusiasm. This term our topic is 'Victorian Life' where the children will learn about Victorian Britain including what school life was like in that time. We will be having a topic day in the last week before the half term, so please start collecting items for a Victorian costume!

**Homework:** Children will be expected to read daily at home for at least fifteen minutes. They will have the opportunity to visit the library once a week where they can choose a book to take home. They will also have access to a guided reading book each week and the classroom has a range of books to read during quiet moments. Any further tasks such as spelling practice and maths will be communicated in our brand new Home School communication book. Please bring the book to and from school each day so that each task can be written out by the children as handwriting practice. Thank you for your continued efforts to support your child's learning.

We will also be **swimming** for the first part of this term, so send the swimming kit into school each **Friday**, starting next week.

Our class assembly date is: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm

We look forward to a positive year of working with both the pupils and their families.

## 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...

	What to take to school	What to bring home
Monday	PE kit	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	PE day so tie long hair back and remove earrings.	
Friday	Swimming kit	PE kit Swimming kit

Please ensure that outdoor and indoor PE kits are in school **every day** as we may have weather/timetable changes. Please ensure that hair that is longer than shoulder length is tied up for PE and that earrings are removed.

**For Your Calendar:**

**4<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest Festival at  
2.30pm

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> & Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents' Evenings

**19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October**  
Half Term Holiday

# What we are learning this term:

## Victorian Life

### English

Over the term we will be reading and writing in a range of text types. To start the learning we will explore biographies and then move to Victorian poetry. The narrative unit of the term is the book 'Street Child' which is set in the Victorian era. The final learning will be based on alternative traditional tales.

### Maths

In Maths this term we will be using and expanding our knowledge of place value and focusing on the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be using and developing written methods and problem solving. This year the children are expected to use 7 digit numbers.

### History / Geography

The history theme is obviously about Victorian Life. The geography learning will include map understanding including how to use a key, finding locations using grid references, as well as recognising differences in location photographs.

### Art / Design Technology

Within Art the class will consider the work of a range of artists including: Sargent, Adams and Basquiat. They will use a range of skills to create backgrounds and portraits. In Design lessons they will create a Victorian style sampler.

### Music and French

In Music, the class will learn a range of songs in preparation for Young Voices UK. In French, They will be asking and answering questions, Sporting activities and clothing, opinions, learning and using irregular verb 'avoir', conjunctions and negative sentences. These sessions will be led by Mrs Barber.

### ICT and PE

In ICT lessons the class will be developing an interactive game. They will design characters and backgrounds, and create a working prototype, which they develop further based on feedback they receive. PE will include swimming games and also an indoor gymnastic session.

### Science

The science unit is 'The Properties of Materials' where the children will learn how to name, describe and make changes to them. There will be a range of experiments to demonstrate fair testing and comparative skills.

### RE and PSHCE

RE this term focuses on Incarnation, with the question of; 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

In PSHCE, we will be looking at Beginning and Belonging, working together, personal safety and anti-bullying.

### For Your Calendar:

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
School closed to pupils for Professional Training Day

**20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last day before the Christmas Holiday

**6<sup>th</sup> January**  
Spring Term Starts