

# Isleham Primary School Year 6

# Autumn News

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## Welcome to Year 6

### Mrs Tait & Mrs Dalton-Cole

Welcome to another year at Isleham Primary School! 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 pupils will enjoy learning about such an interesting topic and become more knowledgeable as we approach Remembrance Day in November.

We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us starting with our residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> September! The class will also be learning the ukulele in school from September. 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 **Friday**.

Pupils will be taking on more responsibilities around the school in Year 6 including welcoming their Reception class buddies and helping them to settle and having the opportunity to stand for House Captain elections.

Each week please remember:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring PE kit to school	Swimming Lesson	Homework due in		Ukulele Lesson Homework set PE kit home

#### Homework:

Starting this year, we will be using our new Home School books to aid communication between home and school- these act as a homework diary and reading record, as well as a space for you to jot any queries or notes. Pupils are expected to read daily at home for at least 15 minutes and to record their reading in the communication book. Any spellings will also be recorded in the book along with additional homework tasks as they arise. Please ensure the communication book is brought into school EVERY day. This will greatly help Year 6 pupils prepare for the transition to college where planners are essential.

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:

Friday 6th December  
Class assembly at  
2.45pm

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

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

# 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.

### History / Geography

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 / Design Technology

In Art we will be carrying out two modules of work focusing on birds and aircraft linking with our topic.

In D&T we will be making Mexican, Chinese and German food in our Global Food unit.

### Music and French

We are very lucky to be having weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Wright on Friday mornings.

KS2 will also be covering their singing aspects of Music as they rehearse for the Young Voices event in the O2 Arena in London in February!

Madame Barber will teach French lessons every Thursday with a focus on learning and using irregular verbs *avoir* and *etre*, telling the time, daily routines and Christmas.

### ICT and PE

We will be using tablets to research and present our ideas in different ways. We will also be creating our own blog to share our opinions and experiences safely and securely.

Outdoor PE lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Stevens. This term we will be playing net games and tag rugby. Indoor PE will start with swimming and then switch to Gymnastics when the weather turns colder.

### 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.

After half term our unit will be 'Electricity' where we will explore and use electrical components in a product.

### RE and PSHCE

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 PSHCE followed by 'Managing Risk' and 'Diversity and

### 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