

Isleham Primary School Year 6

Autumn News

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Welcome to Year 6

Mrs Skillern, Miss Thickpenny & 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 children will enjoy learning about such an interesting topic. We will also be carrying out some exciting work this term on the Science topic of Light & Electricity, and a Design module called 'Marbulous Structures' which will see us making marble runs for our Reception class buddies. Please start saving any hose pipe, pipe lagging, or tubes from kitchen roll for our designs.

We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us. This term we will be carrying out our residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands (19th to 21st September), visiting Ely Cathedral and Duxford Imperial War Museum. The class will also 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 07/9/17 and with House Captain elections on 14/9/17. Each week please remember:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Ukulele lesson	Homework due in	PE kit- outdoor kit	PE Kit- indoor 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. All children also need spare socks for PE to change into.

Please 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.

Our class assembly date is: **Friday (2.45pm)**

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Skillern ☺



Adults in Yr6

Teacher: Mrs Skillern
HLTA: Miss Thickpenny
TA: Mrs Dalton-Cole

Important dates:

Residential 19th-21st September
SATs Week 13th-16th May 2019

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 5th October
Y6 Visit to Ely Cathedral

8th & 9th October
Parent Consultations
4pm-7pm (Mon) & 5pm-8pm

Friday 19th October
School closed for pupils - PD Day
22nd-28th 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 carrying out two modules of work focusing on wildlife and printing.

In D&T we will be designing and making 'marbulous (marble-run) structures' for our Reception buddies. We will research existing products and make strong shapes from a variety of materials and 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 learning and using irregular verbs avoir and etre, negative sentences, telling the time, story reading.

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 Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Both sessions will be led by Mr Stevens. This term we will be playing net games, tag rugby and carrying out gymnastics.

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.

For Your Calendar:

Weds 10th October
Y6 School Trip to Duxford
Imperial War Museum

Fri 2nd November
Y6 Sharing Assembly
2.45pm start

Tues 19th December
End of Autumn Term
Christmas Holiday