

Isleham Primary School Year 6 Summer News

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Mrs Tait and Mrs Dalton-Cole

Welcome back to Summer Term. We hope you had a relaxing Easter break and that you are returning to Year 6 in great anticipation of all that lies ahead.

This will be a term of two halves: pre-SATs and post-SATs. In Summer 1, we will concentrate on completing the curriculum and plugging gaps in Reading, SPaG, Writing and Maths. In Summer 2, we will turn our attention more to the wider curriculum and to preparing pupils for their transition to college.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a **Friday** with books needing to be brought back to school by **Wednesday**. Summer 1 will continue to include revision tasks from the SATs Study Books along with set spelling. In Summer 2, open-ended project tasks linked to the wider curriculum will be set.

If you have any points to raise or matters to discuss, I will be available for a quick chat after school most days or will be more than happy to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues further.



How to help

- Encourage your child to be **an active learner** - identifying gaps and finding resources to help progress.
- Encourage your child to become more **independent** in remembering to bring homework and PE kits on the correct days and to be responsible for their belongings (uniform, water bottles, stationery etc.)
- Encourage your child to **find a balance** in life between: work and play, socializing and down-time, screen-time and rest. Helping pre-teens to establish good routines will be very useful for the years to come.

What to bring to school each day:

Monday	
Tuesday	Swimming gear (starting Tues 30 th April)
Wednesday	Completed Homework
Thursday	Outdoor PE kit
Friday	

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.

**For Your
Calendar:**

Tuesday 30th April
Y6 Swimming Lessons start

13th-16th May
Y6 SATs Week

16th May
Y6/YR Pool Party

What we are learning this term:

English

We will be finishing the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and writing narrative poetry, a police report and a film review. After half term, we will return to fiction writing as an opportunity to show off our use of direct speech.

Editing written work (proof-reading and up-levelling) will continue to take a major focus; helping pupils to really show off their abilities in writing.

Maths

In Maths, we have a few areas still to cover: algebra, ratio & proportion, rotation & scaling of 2D shapes, calculating areas of triangles, parallelograms & trapeziums and calculating volume. We will continue to tick over our Arithmetic skills and after SATs, turn our attention to open-ending problem-solving activities to help embed our mathematical knowledge and understanding.

Humanities – History/Geography

In Summer 2, we will be looking at The Maya Civilization in History and The Amazing Americas in Geography. There will be lots of links between these two topics and we would welcome any visits from parents or other family members who have visited South American countries in particular.

Science

In Summer 1, we will look at Living Things and their Habitats, exploring classification of animals, plants and micro-organisms.

In Summer 2, we will look at Animals Including Humans with a focus on the circulatory system, how water and nutrients are transported and how exercise and diet affect lifestyle. We will also have a 'Heart' workshop on the 26th June.

Music and RE

Music will be covered mainly through our rehearsals for the Y5/6 Production which will be revealed on the 17th May!!!

In RE our unit this term is Hinduism covering: who and where, main beliefs, special places, special festivals, holy books and symbols and meanings. Pupils will be encouraged to make comparisons with Christianity and to share their opinions in a respectful manner.

Design Technology and Art

In DT, we will have a Programming Adventure starting in Summer 1 and into the start of Summer 2.

Art will be covered once the DT unit is complete with a focus on South American Art - linking beautifully with our Humanities.

PE and ICT

We are fortunate to have Mr Stevens continuing to run outdoor PE lessons this term. He will focus on Striking and Fielding in Summer 1 and Athletics in Summer 2 with Swimming being covered as Indoor PE all Summer Term.

In ICT, we will be using tablets to help our revision for SATs then turn our attention to designing APPs.

French and PSHE

Mrs Barber will teach French lessons every Thursday afternoon during Mrs Tait's PPA time. She will focus on Places in a town, revision of 'aller', directions, buying food, numbers 1-100 and a transition project for SVC.

In PSHE the focus for Summer 1 will be Drug Education with Managing Change and Sex and Relationships Education being covered in Summer 2.

For Your Calendar:

17th May
Y5/6 Production
announced!!!

27th-31st May
HALF TERM

Tuesday 2nd &
Wednesday 3rd July
Y5/6 Production