

# Isleham Primary School Year 4

# Spring News

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## Welcome to Year 4

**Mrs Sassoli and Mrs Airey**

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. We have loved hearing about what you got up to. It seems like you have all had a wonderful relaxing time and are ready to get back to some fun learning!

As last term, we are continuing to teach the following days: Mrs. Sassoli will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs. Airey on Thursday and Friday. This has worked really well, with the children knowing who teaches which subjects and when.

The children received a new homework book at the end of the autumn term and their old one was sent home for them to keep. We will continue homework in the new homework book for the spring term where they can record their spelling practice. Like last term, each week the children will have an activity which will follow what we have been learning in class that week. In addition, children should all be reading for at least 15 minutes a day and practising their multiplication tables, as they will now have a weekly test on a Thursday. Homework will be set on a **Friday** and will be due in the following **Wednesday**.

This term we will be giving Classdojo' points to those children who are reading regularly at home. We will be encouraging children to bring their reading records in weekly, with the comments/reviews and parents' signatures in, so we can monitor the reading that is happening outside school. Mrs Airey and I are really looking forward to the term ahead and thank you all for your support so far. If you would like to contact us we are available after school on the days we work. ☺



### Adults in Yr4

Teachers: Mrs Sassoli  
and Mrs Airey  
TA: Mrs Guest (M, T)  
TA: Mrs Cole (W,F)  
TA: Mrs Broyles (Th)

## 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...

Reading book in school every day!	What to take to school	What to bring home
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework due in	
<b>Thursday</b>	PE kit	
<b>Friday</b>	PE kit	Homework given out

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. Children also need spare socks to change into for PE! Please name all items of clothing.

## For Your Calendar:

Parents' Consultations:  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Yr 3/4 Spring Show.

8<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Easter holidays

# What we are learning this term:

# The Stone Age

## English

In English, we will be reading the book 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King, which ties in with our Stone Age topic. We will be using this text to inspire our own writing through reports, descriptions, diary entries and writing in the same style. In Spring 2, we will be focusing on narrative poetry and writing explanation texts. Mrs Airey will be focusing on SPAG.

## Maths

In Maths this term, Mrs Airey will be teaching various aspects of time, as well as times tables and division facts. A weekly multiplication test will take place on a Thursday. Mrs Sassoli will be teaching fractions and decimals, including equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, recognising tenths and hundredths as decimals.

## Science

Our Science topics this term are Electricity and then Sound. As well as understanding how electricity is used around the home, we will be constructing circuits and conducting an investigation on switches. In the Sound topic, the children will make a string telephone and investigate the best material for sound proofing.

## Art / Design Technology

Mechanical Posters will be created in DT this term, in which the children will learn how to make levers and linkage mechanisms. In Art, we will cast forms using brown, gummed tape and investigate different designs of shoes and match these to purpose.

## History and Geography

We will be learning about the Stone Age in the first half term: how to survive in the stone age, Sakara Brae, Stonehenge, copper mining, hillforts and what artefacts tells us about what life was like. In Geography, children will learn about types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water in the context of the needs of early settlers.

## PE and Computing

PE this term will usually be on a Thursday and a Friday, and will either be gymnastics or outdoor ball games, depending on the weather. In Computing, the children will produce music suitable for any purpose they choose.

## RE, PSHCE and French

In RE, Mrs Barber will be covering the units 'What is the trinity?' and 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?' In French, she will be teaching numbers, definite and indefinite articles and Easter. PSHCE will cover money and finance.

## Music

In Music, all the learning is focused around one song: 'Stop!' - a rap/song about bullying. We will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and composing. In Spring 2, the children will be learning to play a brass instrument, guided by our visiting music teacher Mr Wright. Your child will be provided with a brass instrument and lessons free of charge, and asked to practice at home in-between weekly lessons in order to make rapid progress.

## For Your Calendar:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am Year 4 class  
cafe

Half term: 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>  
February

House Day: Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup> March