

Isleham Primary School Year 6 Spring News

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Welcome to Year 6

Mrs Tait, Miss Thickpenny and Mrs Dalton-Cole



Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term (and a new teacher) in Year 6! We hope that you have all had a restful and re-energizing Christmas holiday.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a **Friday** with books needing to be brought back to school by the following **Wednesday**. Please do encourage your child to keep on top of homework tasks as this will help them for their transition to secondary school in September.

Homework will usually comprise of: Reading (with a task or focus), Writing (SPaG-based activities to practise skills required for writing tasks), Maths (either a sheet to be completed or a task to record in book) and Spelling (15 words incorporating a Y6 spelling rule and Y5/6 National Curriculum words).

As we approach SATs, homework tasks may change to provide pupils with the opportunity to hone their exam techniques.

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.

Adults in Yr6

Teacher: Mrs Tait
HLTA: Miss Thickpenny
(Mon-Fri)
TA: Mrs Dalton-Cole
(various sessions)

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 bring to school each day:

Monday	
Tuesday	Ukulele (till February half term)
Wednesday	Completed Homework
Thursday	Outdoor PE kit
Friday	Indoor PE kit

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. Children also need spare socks for PE. Please name all items of clothing clearly.

For Your Calendar:

Tuesday 29th January at 3:20pm
Y6 SATs info. evening for parents

18th – 22nd February
Half Term

4th and 5th March
Parents' Evenings

What we are learning this term:

English

We will be using the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as a stimulus for our writing tasks in the Spring term. From this text, we plan to write: informal and formal letters, a continuing narrative, a play-script, a newspaper report, eye-witness reports, diary entries and narrative poetry. Editing written work (proof-reading and up-levelling) will take a major focus this term, helping pupils to really show off their abilities in writing.

Maths

In Maths, we shall take a whistle-stop tour through the whole Year 6 curriculum to help plug any gaps in knowledge and encourage pupils to feel more confident in their understanding. Spring 1 will focus on Number (place value, the 4 operations, fractions, decimals and percentages) and shape. In Spring 2, we'll turn our attention to measure (length, weight, capacity, and time) and data handling. This will leave us with a few final elements to cover after Easter before SATs.

Humanities – History/Geography

In Spring 1, we will focus on History looking at 'The Shang Dynasty'. We will consider how this ancient civilization thrived and how we still know so much about it today.

In Spring 2, we will turn our attention to Geography by looking at 'Magnificent Mountains'. We will compare famous mountains from around the world and consider the physical and human geography related to each one.

Science

Our unit of Science in Year 6 this term will be 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Here we will start by exploring inheritance, variation and adaptation. We will find out how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. The children will also find out how living things evolve via natural selection and how they adapt to their surrounding sin order to survive and thrive!

Music and RE

We will be continuing weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Wright on Tuesday mornings until February half term. In Spring 2, we'll be exploring 'Street Dance' Music.

In RE, our unit this term is 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?' This unit will look at the varying opinions around Creation and will encourage pupils to think about their beliefs.

Art and Design Technology

In Art, we will be studying the artists: Rousseau, Flint, Calder and Oliveira to consider their techniques and use of colour.

Global Food is our focus of DT. As well as considering where our food comes from and what makes a balanced diet, we plan to prepare some dishes using a variety of skills. Aprons at the ready!

PE and ICT

We are fortunate to have Mr Stevens continuing to run and support PE lessons this term. Outdoor PE will focus on games with Indoor PE covering gymnastics in Spring 1 and Dance in Spring 2.

In ICT, we will be using tablets to help our revision for SATs. Through the use of interactive games, we hope some of the more tedious elements will be brought to life in an engaging and memorable way.

French and PSHCE

Mrs Barber will teach French lessons every Thursday afternoon during Mrs Tait's PPA time. She will focus on weather, hobbies, pets, animals, numbers, calculation in French and poetry.

In PSHCE, the focus for Spring 1 will be 'Managing Risk' and 'Diversity and Communities', with 'Financial Capability' and 'Family and Friends' being covered in Spring 2.

For Your Calendar:

Tuesday 5th March
House Day

Tuesday 2nd April
Y6 Class Café

Friday 5th April
Last day of Spring Term