

Isleham Primary School Year 5

Spring News

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Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and have a very happy and healthy New Year. We have already had a great start to our new term by making our New Year's Resolutions and setting our new targets for the term. In Year 5 we are always aiming high, persevering and striving to do our best.

One of the highlights of our busy autumn term was our very successful Bikeability Week: the two leaders were full of praise for our sensible, polite and well behaved children who braved the cold, wet weather with smiles and a positive attitude, always taking time to encourage each other and thank the leaders. 'One of the best groups we've ever taught' was just one of their comments. I was - and always am - very proud of each and every one of your delightful children.

One of this term's highlights will be a trip to Cambridge Science Park on Wednesday 14th March as part of 'Science Ambassador Scheme'. More details will follow soon.

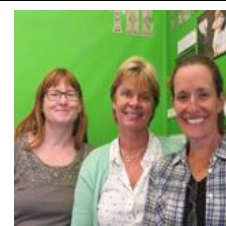
The children are already excitedly talking about our Residential in September, after our successful meeting last term. We have so much to look forward to in 2018 ☺

We hope you will be able to join us for our 'Class café' on Monday 12th at 9.10 am

If you have any questions about Year 5 learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Adults in Yr5



Mrs Staward, Mrs Cole and Miss Thickpenny.

How to help

- Support your child with daily reading at home (at least 15 minutes)
- Support your child by helping them practise their times tables (up to 12 x 12) regularly so they can confidently recall both multiplication and division facts.
- Useful websites to support learning:
<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/>

Children will have the opportunity to visit the library to change their books once a week: one book will stay in school and one can be taken home. The children will complete their reading record (which will now stay in school) during guided reading

	What to take to school	What to bring home
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Homework due in	
Thursday	Outdoor PE kit	Outdoor PE kit/ New homework set
Friday	Indoor PE kit	Indoor PE kit

In order to be able to participate safely and effectively in P.E. lessons, children will need appropriate clothing and footwear (a change of footwear is an essential part of their outdoor kit), have long hair tied back and earrings removed. All children need spare white socks please to change into, especially on wet days ☺

For Your Calendar:

February 6th
4pm -7pm
Parent Consultations

February 7th
4pm -7pm
Parent Consultations

February 8th
Last day of
spring half term

What we are learning this term:

Earth and Space

English

We will start the term by reading the classic poem, The Highwayman and writing from various characters' points of view. We will write recounts and poetry related to our Space topic (trip to space/moon landing) and instructions for water rockets. We will also be writing our own suspense and mystery stories.

Maths

Having speedy and accurate recall of multiplication and division facts is crucial as this term's focus is multiplication and division methods before moving onto comparing, adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. Once we have mastered these skills we will apply them to problem solving.

Homework

Our homework routine will remain as it was last term: 15-30 minutes **daily reading** along with a brief written comment about their reading; (up to) 30 minutes **maths** activity (usually set on MyMaths on a Thursday) and learning spellings from the Year 5/6 **spelling** list along with the ten spellings we are focusing on in class. These homework activities support classroom learning and your support is invaluable.

Art / Design Technology

As well as sketching and shading portraits we will also be doing pencil drawings related to The Highwayman - using shading to create mood and feeling - and organising line, tone, shape and colour to represent figures and forms in movement. In DT, we will investigate mechanical systems and make Cam models related to our space topic.

Music and French

In French, we will be learning about the types of hobbies and pastimes we like to be involved in. We will also learn about different occupations. Our music will be focused around one song: Make You Feel My Love. Our learning will be through an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are included.

Computing and PE

In ICT we will be creating our own animations for the Highwayman. The pupils use vector and turtle graphics to explore geometric art, taking inspiration from the work of Escher, Riley and traditional Islamic artists, as well as experimenting with complex 'fractal' landscapes. Our first indoor PE unit is gymnastics and Thursday's outdoor PE will be quicksticks and then netball.

Science

We will complete our Forces unit before moving on to our new 'Earth and Space' topic. We will identify and explain the movement of the Earth relative to the Sun; explain how seasons and the associated weather is created; identify and explain the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth; explain the size, shape and position of the Earth, Sun and Moon; explain how night and day are created and use diagrams to show this.

RE and PSHCE

Our first RE unit is **God**: *What does it mean if God is holy and loving?* We will explore connections between biblical texts and Christian ideas of God. Our second unit is **Salvation**: We will explore what Christians mean when they say that Jesus' death was a sacrifice. Our PSHCE topic focuses on keeping safe both in and out of the school environment. This will be followed by 'Healthy Lifestyles'.

For Your Calendar:

Monday 19th February

Back to school
after half term

1st March

World Book Day
Author visiting school

14th March

Science Day