

# Isleham Primary School Year 6

# Summer News

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## Welcome to Year 6

Miss Hunt, Mrs Airey and Mrs Cole

Welcome back to our final term in Year 6 at Isleham Primary School. On behalf of myself and the team we hope that you have all had a lovely Easter with your families and the children are well rested for the busy term ahead. Our topic this term is '**Staying Alive!**' which will have a **Science focus**. We will be starting with the human body and the circulatory system - I'm sure the children will enjoy such a relevant and fact-filled topic.

**SATs week** will begin Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a breakfast club every morning of the SATs week starting at 8.15am, where Y6 can eat a hearty breakfast with their friends to fuel their brains! If you are available to help with the breakfast this would be most appreciated, please get in touch with me. We are ready to show what we know and more information about our greatly anticipated SATs after party will be sent home soon. The children really do deserve to enjoy themselves after all the hard work and preparation they have been putting in. We have lots of plans for the second half of the summer term in Y6 - please see the diary dates section below. The children will be making memories this term with trips, experiences and performances.

We aim to start swimming during the third week of term and Year 6 will be swimming on a **Friday** - starting **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. Just a quick reminder that your child will need to wear an appropriate swimming costume/swimming shorts. Your child will also need a swimming hat if their hair is longer than shoulder-length.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Homework due in	PE kit	Swimming/PE /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. Girls also need spare socks for PE when it is cold and they are wearing tights!

Please remember that homework will be set on a **Friday** and will be due in the following **Wednesday**.

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.

We have all worked so hard this year and I look forward to working with you all again in our final term together.

I am so proud of everything the children have achieved - hard work and dedication really does pay off.

I am looking forward to making this final term a term to remember.

Thank you for your continued support, it is appreciated, as always. Miss Hunt ☺



### Adults in Year 6



Teacher: Miss Hunt

TA: Mrs Cole (Mon - Tues)

TA: Mrs Airey (Weds - Fri)

### Important dates:

SATs Week 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Residential 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Please add these to your diaries

## Y6-Diary-Dates

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Summer Term Begins

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - SATs Week

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs Party

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Y6 Harry Potter Studio Tour Day Trip

28<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June - May Half Term

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 Netball Tournament

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 Science DNA Workshop

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Pizza Express Trip

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Matilda the Musical London Trip

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Y6 Residential Meeting

Production Week:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal (to the school - 1.45pm)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 Production (afternoon performance - 1.45pm)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 Production (evening performance - 6pm)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - School Sports Morning

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - SVC Y6 Transition Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Concert 5pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Residential

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Rounders Tournament / PTA Leavers' Disco

(Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 Sports morning if 29.6.18 is cancelled!)

(Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Concert if 5.7.18 is cancelled!)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (morning)

## Homework

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. Homework will vary each week depending on what we have been covering in class. The children 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. For most children this will be revision but please check that your child is confident with statutory KS2 spelling lists. 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.

Please note that there will be slightly more homework in these last few weeks before SATs but afterwards it will be less, as the children will be focusing on learning their lines for their end year production. We appreciate your support with homework and hope that the sharing of learning is a positive process and does not dominate home life.

I've been so impressed this year with homework efforts, keep it up, we're nearly there! ☺

# What we are learning this term:

# Staying Alive!

## English

In English we will be adding to the children's writing portfolios by creating a variety of texts around our Science topics. For example: instruction texts, information texts and diary extracts. We will also be focusing on the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo towards the end of term and using it as a stimulus for writing and across the curriculum. We will also be covering lots of skills in whole-class reading sessions (with a focus on comprehension and inference) and revising the SPAG content across KS2.

## Maths

This term we will focus on the areas that the children would like more revision on as we have now taught all of the Year 6 units. We will be continuing to develop our accuracy and efficiency in arithmetic calculations and also our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. After the SATS we will be working hard on consolidating and mastering our Maths skills through a variety of open-ended investigations and problem-solving activities involving real-life situations.

## Science

With our Science focus this term, the unit for the first half term will be 'Animals including Humans'. The children will expand on their knowledge and understanding of the components and functions of the digestive and circulatory systems. Here we will focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body. Finally we will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how exercise and different types of drugs can affect the human body.

## Science

The unit for the second half term will be 'Living Things and their Habitats'. They will extend their learning to find out about the system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus, choosing an animal and researching its classification. We will learn about micro-organisms, conduct an investigation into the growth of mould and use a model to create a new single celled micro-organism and explain how it is classified and why. They will create a field guide to the living things in their local area, showing how and why each one is classified.

## RE and Music

This term in RE, we will be studying Hinduism, a religion the children have not yet focused on. We will be answering questions such as: What can stories and images of deities tell us about Hindu beliefs? What is the meaning of the term 'God'?

In Music we will mainly be focusing on our end of term production! We will be learning the songs, performing in character and singing in harmony as a class and in small groups. The children are already excited to welcome you to our show, start rehearsing and making memories.

## Art and Design Technology

Our Art this term will be linked to our book, *Kensuke's Kingdom*. We will focus on water and the ocean and how this is created in paintings. We will also be block and screen printing.

Our Design Technology focus this term will be Cooking and Nutrition. We will be expanding our knowledge of healthy eating and food groups and designing meals and preparing food. We will also be finding out about Cooking and Nutrition in industry by visiting Pizza Express (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June).

## PE and ICT

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon Summer 1 and Friday morning and Thursday afternoon Summer 2. The Thursday session will be led by Mr Stephens. This term we will be concentrating on our striking and fielding skills in Rounders; running, jumping and throwing in Athletics and also Swimming once a week too.

We will be using iPads to help our revision sessions both in class and at home. We will be working together to create a virtual learning space and also exploring existing apps and designing our own mobile apps.

## French and PSHE

Mrs Barber will teach a French and PSHE lessons every other Thursday afternoon this term. In French the focus will be on possessive adjectives and prepositions, the simple future tense and a project planning a visit to a French speaking country.

In PSHE the focus will be on Healthy and Safer Lifestyles - Drug Education. Later in the term, *Myself and My Relationships* - Managing Change will also be discussed and covered. SRE will be taught later in the term in main class time with Miss Hunt - letters to follow after half term as usual.

## How to help at home...

- 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://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>  
<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...