

Isleham Primary School Year 6

Spring News

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Welcome to Year 6

Miss Hunt, Mrs Airey and Mrs Cole

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term in Year 6 at Isleham Primary School. On behalf of myself and the team we hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas time. We have loved hearing what you have all been up to with your families. Our topic this term is 'Extreme Locations' which will have a Geography focus. We will be starting with a focus on South America and I'm sure the children will enjoy such an engaging topic.

We have had a very busy Autumn term, where we have been out and about quite a lot. We have visited Duxford Imperial War Museum, Soham Village College, Mildenhall College Academy and most of the class went on tour with the Christmas Choir to perform at a few local destinations. The children have been busy with their buddy duties and with their various roles and responsibilities around the school such as: house captains, school council, sports crew, music crew, play leaders and librarians. They have also been busy learning the ukulele, which will continue until half term. To get the most out of this tuition, the children will need to play at home and make sure their instrument is in school every Tuesday.

Each week please remember:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| PE kit | Ukulele lesson | Homework due in | PE kit | Homework set/PE |

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!

I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities during the coming year to help out in school with special days or on educational visits if you are willing and available. Please contact me if you are available to join us! 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.

Our class café date is: **Monday 29th January (9am)** This session will have a **SATs focus** for parents and replace the SATs information evening from previous years, so please come along if you can!

We have worked so hard already this year and I look forward to working with you all again this term.

Thank you for your continued support. Miss Hunt ☺



Adults in Yr6



Teacher: Miss Hunt
TA: Mrs Cole (Mon - Tues)
TA: Mrs Airey (Weds - Fri)

Important dates:

SATs Week 14th-17th May 2018
Residential 9th-11th July 2018
Please add these to your diaries

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...

Homework

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. 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. Children will have their logins stuck in their books to websites where tasks can be set to complete where appropriate. Homework will vary each week depending on what we have been covering in class. The children will 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. We will be covering spelling rules and patterns in class however we will be sending home spellings including the statutory KS2 lists each week for the children to make sure that they know. For most children this will be revision but please check that your child is confident with these each week. We appreciate your support with homework and hope that the sharing of learning is a positive process and does not dominate home life.

**For Your
Calendar:**

Wednesday 3rd January
Back to school
Beginning of Spring Term 1

Mon 29th January
Y6 Class Café
(first thing in the morning)

Tues 6th/Weds 7th February
Parent Consultations
4 – 7pm

What we are learning this term:

Extreme Locations

English

This term we will introduce and explore the wide range of genres covered by children's fiction. We will analyse, plan and write our own stories from different genres. At times, our writing will be linked to our topic where we will be writing persuasive texts to compare and contrast different locations, finding out which is the best place to live. We will also be covering lots of skills in whole-class reading and revising the SPAG content for this term.

Maths

To start the term we will focus on geometry. Following on from our fraction focus last term, we will work with decimals, percentages and algebra. After half term we will convert units of measure, calculate perimeter, area and volume and also learn about ratio and how to use it to answer problems. We will be continuing to develop our accuracy and efficiency in arithmetic calculations and also our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.

Humanities - Geography/Topic

With our topic 'Extreme Locations' we will start the term with a focus on South America. Here we will locate the different countries, study their climate, find the major mountain ranges, focus on human geography and found about trade and industry. We will also locate other countries with extreme locations, where we will study features such as mountain ranges, volcanoes, climate, trade and tourism.

Science

Our unit of Science in Year 6 this term will be 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Here we will start by exploring inheritance, variation and adaption. We will find out how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. Scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution will also be examined. The children will also find out how living things evolve via natural selection.

Music and RE

We are very lucky to be having weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Wright on a Tuesday afternoon. This will only continue for one more half term, until February half term. Please make the most of this opportunity by continuing to play at home. We are hoping to perform at the class café on the 29th January.

In RE our unit this term is Creation, where we will be discussing the question 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complimentary?'

Art and Design Technology

Our Art and DT this term will be inspired by our South American topic. We will study South American textiles, which will inspire our printing through their distinct patterns and textures. Using South American weaving techniques, we will make dream catchers.

In Art we will study Henri Rousseau's unique animal paintings. We will break down their structure and recreate them ourselves, just like Rousseau.

PE and ICT

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon Spring 1 and Friday morning and Thursday afternoon Spring 2. The Thursday session will be led by Mr Stephens. This term we will be concentrating on our ball skills in bench ball, developing our strategies in various net games, then gymnastics and OAA (outdoor adventurous activating/orienteering). We will be using iPads to help our revision sessions both in class and at home. We will be work together to create a virtual learning space to help our revision this term.

French and PSHCE

Mrs Barber will teach French lessons every Thursday for the first half term and PSHCE for the second half.

In French Mrs Barber will focus on weather, hobbies, pets, animals, numbers, calculation in French and poetry.

In PSHCE the focus will be on Economic Wellbeing and Financial Capability. Later in the term, Relationships, Family and Friends will also be discussed and covered.

For Your Calendar:

12th – 16th February
Half Term
Holiday

Mon 19th February
Back to school
Beginning of Spring Term 2

Thurs 29th March
End of Spring Term
Easter Holiday