

Isleham C of E Primary School Year 3

Spring News

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Welcome to Year 3

Mr Walker and Mrs Dunsmuir

I hope everyone enjoyed a fantastic Christmas holiday; the children have really started the New Year with enthusiasm! In class, our African adventure has begun. Reading development is our ongoing focus this term, so please encourage your child to read with you each day at home. My resolution is to make sure all the reading records have a least two comments in every Wednesday so they are ready to go out on Thursday. I would appreciate it if you could support this resolution by helping your child pack their school bag on Tuesday evening so when I ask them to check bags, they manage to find their reading books.

There will be many opportunities during the coming year to help out in school. If you would like to support our weekly swimming lesson in the Summer term or would be interested in offering assistance with other aspects of the curriculum, please contact the school office for further information. Our class café date is: **Tuesday 5th February (9:00am for coffee and biscuits)**



Adults in Yr3



Mr Walker and
Mrs Dunsmuir

How to help

- Support your child with daily reading and encourage them to record two comments a week about their school book or a book from home.
- Spellings need to be practiced every day to help your child learn them.
- It is also very helpful if you can practise key mental calculations, such as number bonds to 10, 20, 100, doubling and halving.
- Practice times tables up to x10.

	What to take to school	What to bring home
Monday	PE kit (indoor)	PE kit (indoor)
Tuesday	PE kit (Outdoor)	PE kit
Wednesday	Homework (MyMaths) Reading Record	
Thursday		Reading Record Homework (MyMaths)
Friday	Spelling Book	Spelling Book

For Your Calendar:

January 14th
School Clubs start

February 5th
Year 3 Class Café

February 18th
Half term begins

What we are learning this term:

African Adventure

English

The focus for the first half of the term will be adventure stories including King Solomon's Mines. We will also be looking at traditional tales to link in with our 'African Adventure' topic. Later on this term, we will be reading the 'Dr K Fisher' books and writing explanations to help solve an African creature's problem.

Maths

In Number, we will be continuing to develop strategies for multiplication and division. After that, we will be looking at Money, followed by Statistics. In our Measurement unit, we will investigate length and perimeter. Our last unit this term will be learning about Fractions of shapes and numbers.

History / Geography

We will be exploring the topic of 'Africa' this term. The focus will be on developing our understanding of other countries using maps, photographs and stories. In history, we will be learning about the Benin Kingdom.

Art / Design Technology

To start the term, we will be creating African sunsets using water colours and silhouettes. We will investigate African Art and will block print onto hessian bags. In DT, we will be baking bread that we have designed and then creating some juggling balls!

Music and French

In French, delivered by Mrs Barber, the work will focus on memorisation skills for learning new vocabulary. Our first Music unit using the Charanga scheme is called 'Three Little Birds.' After half term, we will move on to 'The Dragon Song' unit.

ICT and PE

In ICT, we will recording and presenting ourselves using the iPad. After half term, we will be exploring computer networks, including the internet. PE lessons will be gymnastics following patterns and Pathways. If the weather is bad, we will speed stack in the class.

Science

Rocks and Soils will be our next Science topic. We will be investigating different rocks and comparing and grouping them according to their properties. We will also describe how fossils are formed and recognise that soil is made from rocks and plant matter.

RE and PSHCE

R.E this term will explore what is it like to follow God? Next half term we will be looking at Salvation and asking, 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? In PSHCE we will be 'managing risk' and be able to suggest ways of reducing risk in everyday situations and recognise ways of preventing accidents.

For Your Calendar:

March 4th and 5th
Parents' Evenings

April 3rd and 4th
Year 3 / 4
performance

April 5th
End of term