

Isleham Primary School Year 4

Spring News



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Year 4

with Mrs Deacon and Mrs Rayner

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term at Isleham Primary School. On behalf of me 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 has a Science focus and is entitled 'Life as we know it'.

The homework routine will remain the same as during the Autumn term, with a brief letter inside the home learning book going home on Friday with the expectation of completing the work and sending it back into school the following Wednesday. There will always be a set of spelling words to practise as well notes about the learning that has taken place during the week. There are also opportunities for completing 'Mymaths' tasks, when the learning can be linked in an effective way. The children are also given time each week to choose a book to take home from the library. The days when they may attend the library are Monday and Friday morning so please send the books for exchange on these days. They are also able to choose their own class reading book to read during given times. When this book is complete they produce a learning log to show sections they have enjoyed and to provide a record of their reading material. Please read for approximately 15 minutes each day. While children in Year 4 no longer need to read aloud it is good practice to hear them read a few times each week so you are able to support the comprehension aspect of reading.

This term you will be invited to a 'Class café' instead of the more formal class sharing assembly. You will be able to share a beverage and biscuit before the Year 4 class share some of the learning and learning techniques they use in class.

Our class cafe date is: **Friday 23rd February 2018 at 2.30pm**

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 take to school	What to bring home
Monday	P.E. kit	
Tuesday	P.E. day so earrings removed and long hair tied back.	
Wednesday	Homework due in	
Thursday		
Friday	P.E. day so earrings removed and long hair tied back.	P.E. Kit Home learning book

Please ensure that outdoor and indoor P.E. kits are in school **every day** as we may have weather/timetable changes! Please ensure that hair that is longer than shoulder length is tied up for P.E. and that earrings are removed. All children need spare socks for P.E. as their socks may be wet after outdoor P.E.

For Your Calendar:

2nd February
Speed Stacking

12th February
Half term holiday

6th & 7th February
Parent Consultations

What we are learning this term:

Life as we know it...

English

This term in English, we will be concentrating on stories with a theme. For example, we will start with stories containing animals. We will be looking at settings, characters and emotions. We will then move on to discussion texts and debating current issues locally and in the media.

Maths

In Maths this term we will return to the 4 calculations and then continue with a number focus on fractions. After half term we will be learning about decimals and then we will have a measurement focus on money towards the end of the term.

Science

This half term we will begin with a biology focus by looking at how our bodies work. We will be looking at the digestive system, the journey of our food and at our teeth and tooth decay. We will also be studying food webs, producers, predators and prey. The first theme is sound!

Art / Design Technology

Within Art and Design Technology, we will be learning about a healthy lifestyle by cooking a variety of recipes. We will also consider safety in the kitchen as well as preparing for cooking with hygiene in mind.

French

In French with Mrs Barber this half term the children will be working on memorisation skills for learning new vocabulary. They will continue to read stories in French and begin to write their own using new vocabulary and connectives. They will also be expressing their own opinions.

PE and Computing

P.E. this term will usually be on a Tuesday and Friday with a focus on gymnastics and tennis.

In Computing we will be creating our own music in the 'we are musicians unit'. We will be creating our own music electronically for a purpose as well as using technology in our art lessons.

Music

In Music we will be starting our new brass instruments after the half term break! We will be having lessons in the hall each week. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn a new skill and receive free tuition from Mr Wright. We will also all hopefully be joining the school brass band!

RE and PSHCE

R.E. this term focuses on Incarnation - 'What is the Trinity'.

In PSHCE, we will be looking at Economic Wellbeing and Financial Capability. We will then move on to Healthy and Safer Lifestyles and Personal Safety.

For Your Calendar:

1st March

World Book Day

27th & 28th March

Y3/Y4 Production

29th March

Last Day of school