

Important information

PE days— **Wednesday and Friday**

PE will be outside whilst the weather is still mild.

Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit in school all week.

- ♦ A burgundy or white plain t-shirt (or t-shirt with school logo) and a dark coloured sweat-shirt for when it is chilly
- ♦ Burgundy or black shorts and/or jogging bottoms
- ♦ Trainers or plimsolls
- ♦ White sports socks

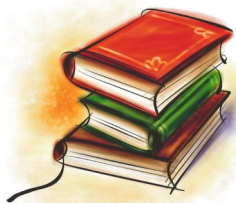
Please also ensure that long hair is tied up and ear-rings are removed or covered.

Wednesday- Swimming until half term

Children will need to bring their swimming kits every Wednesday until half term.

Library

This term we will visit the library every Tuesday so please ensure that library books are sent in on this day.



Please continue to read regularly with your child and record your observations in the reading record. The children will gain a point towards the 'Year 1 Reading Challenge' when they read at home.

Please also support your child by encouraging them to complete their homework to the best of their ability.

Homework will be sent home every Friday to be re-turned the following Wednesday. The homework sheet will keep you informed of the work covered in class that week. The homework will consist of a challenge and some optional skills that will support their learning. In addition there will 5 spellings and a sound of the week.

Mrs White is our dedicated Year 1 Teaching Assistant this year. In addition the children may carry out group work with Mrs Dray, who they know from reception class. Ms Thickpenny will teach the class every Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Bond will cover the class every Thursday afternoon. The children know Ms Thickpenny and Mrs Bond well.

Ms Thickpenny will cover PSHE and Music, and Mrs Bond will teach Art.

Important dates

**This term our Sharing Assembly will be on
Friday the 3rd of November
at 2.40pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!

You will be receiving today an envelope containing the contact details which are held on file for your child. Please ensure that you check this through carefully and amend any incorrect details, then sign and return the form to the office on **Monday the 11th September** (next week). The envelope also contains an Acceptable Use Policy for you to read through and discuss with your child, which needs to please be signed and returned. Thank you in advance.

Isleham Primary School

Year 1

**Autumn Term Newsletter
2017**





Welcome to Year 1!

This term our topic is 'Epic Explorers'

We will start off by learning about Christopher Columbus and his journey to America. We will then look at Ernest Shackleton and his exploration to the South Pole. Finally we will focus on Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and look at how space travel has changed in recent history.



What we will be learning



English

The children will participate in daily English and Phonics sessions.

The Children will be looking at traditional tales and will create an alternative middle to a traditional story. The children will also experience reciting poetry, writing labels and writing a recounts of their own expedition!

Maths

Maths will be taught daily. During this term we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

We will begin to look at number bonds to 10 and counting in 2s.

Science

The children will be studying the materials used by explorers. The children will be thinking about the materials properties and why they are used. We will also be learning about climates and sources of light. The children will observe the seasonal changes as we move into Autumn and then Winter.



Art and DT

Mrs Bond will teach a weekly Art lesson. The first half of term will have a drawing and painting focus. The children will begin by sketching a self portrait. After half term the children will explore various printing techniques.

History

The children will learn about the lives of explorers from the past and present. We will be thinking about how these people have influence our lives today. We will also be thinking about why we celebrate certain events like, Bonfire Night and Armistice Day.

RE

This term the children will thinking about the question, 'What do Christians believe God is like?' We will be focusing on the parable of 'The Lost Son' and thinking about what this story means to Christians.

In the second half of term we will be thinking about why Christmas matters to Christians?

Music

This term the children will enjoy a weekly music session with Ms Thickpenny where they will be exploring pitch, long and short sounds.

ICT

The children will be learning how create a simple programme of instructions to control a BeeBot.

PSHE

As part of the Myself and My Relationships scheme of work, the children will be learning about what it means to belong and how they can work together. They will also be thinking about personal safety, communities and diversity.

PE

The children will be swimming for the first half of term and will also be taking part specialist dance sessions on a Friday morning.

Geography

The children will be learning how to read and create simple maps of the local area. They will also be learning to name and locate continents, countries, oceans and polar regions.