

Isleham Primary School Year 3

Autumn News

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Welcome to Year 3

Mr Walker and Mrs Dunsmuir

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and is looking forward to the start of Year 3. It can seem like a huge jump from KS1 to KS2, but we want to make sure that you are fully informed so please come and ask if you have any questions or queries.

- This half term we will be finding out about the Romans.
- Start-of-year forms for signing and returning

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 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.

- If you would like to support our weekly swimming lessons or would be interested in offering assistance with other aspects of the curriculum, please contact the school office for further information.

Our class assembly date is **Friday 10th November (2.40pm)**



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. Don't forget to add a comment yourself.
- Spellings need to be practised every day to help 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.
- Practise 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) <i>**If no swimming</i> Swimming kit Library Book	PE kit Swimming kit Library Book
Wednesday	Reading Record	
Thursday	(MyMaths)	Homework (MyMaths) Reading Record
Friday		

For Your Calendar:

Tues 12th Sept
Swimming begins

Fri 29th Sept
Harvest Festival at
the church- 2pm

Mon 16th Oct
Parent Consultations
4pm-7pm

What we are learning this term:

The Romans

English

The focus for the first half of the term will be instructions for Roman catapults. We will then be looking at narrative writing using 'Escape from Pompeii' as a stimulus and writing information texts about volcanoes. After half term we will be reading 'Beowulf' and creating Saxon riddles.

Maths

We will start place value and we will also be learning about Roman numerals followed by place value. Investigative maths will be a priority - where we have to use all our number and shape skills in context. Please help by practising mental maths skills including times tables.

History / Geography

We will be exploring the Roman World and their conquest of Britain. This will involve looking at coins, pictures, maps, roads and place names. We will also be finding out about volcanoes and how Roman Pompeii was destroyed.

Art / Design Technology

To start the term we will be creating some Roman catapults using elastic bands and a range of materials. In art we will be looking at and creating our very own mosaics to decorate our classroom.

Music and French

In Music we will concentrate on performing and analysing short descriptive compositions that combine sounds, movements and words. In French, the focus will be on greetings and French culture. These sessions will be led by Mrs Barber.

ICT and PE

Manipulating text and graphics will be the initial focus in ICT, followed by work on using the internet and e-safety. In PE we will be playing Tag Rugby on Tuesday afternoons. Swimming will take place on Tuesday mornings. Dance will be on Tuesday once swimming has finished.

Science

In Science we will be looking at Magnets and Forces. We will be investigating friction and different surfaces. We will then explore magnets and their properties and investigating which materials are magnetic both inside and outside the classroom.

RE and PSHCE

R.E this term focuses on what Christians learn from the Creation story. Working Together is our topic in PSHCE and will focus on developing self-esteem and the ability to value their individuality by recognising their positive traits and achievements.

For Your Calendar:

Tues 17th Oct
Parent Consultations
4pm-7pm

Fri 20th Oct
School Closed – PD day

December 19th
End of Autumn Term
Christmas Holiday