

Isleham Primary School Year 6

Autumn News

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Welcome to Year 6

Mrs Tait, Ms Sassoli & Mrs Dalton-Cole

Our weekly timetable is as follows:-

	Monday (GS)	Tuesday (GS)	Wednesday (CT)	Thursday (CT)	Friday (CT)
08:45-09:00	Drop-off (Pupils sent in from playground once 5-6 ready in Y6 line. Leave any lunches on top of trolleys in cloakroom and collect belongings from trays. Coat, snack and water bottle to be brought into class to be kept on chair/table. Wash hands)				
09:00-09:10	Register and Read				
09:10-10:00 Lesson 1 (50 mins)	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
10:00-10:15	Wash hands/Snack break/Newsround				
10:15-10:45 Lesson 2 (30 mins)	Spelling Practice 1 SPaG Input	Spelling Practice 2 SPaG Task	Spelling Practice 3 Writing/Topic	Spelling Practice 4 Writing/Topic	Spelling Test Times-table test Star of the Week Award
10:45-11:00	Outdoor Break				
11:00-11:10	Wash hands				
11:10-12:00 Lesson 3 (50 mins)	Reading	Topic	Writing/Topic	Writing/Topic	Writing/Topic
12:00-12:30	Clear tables/ Spray and Wipe Tables/ Wash hands/Collect any food from the hall/Eat lunches in class in own seat/Tidy up				
12:30-13:15	Outdoor Play				
13:15-13:30	Wash hands, Register and Read				
13:30-15:00 Lesson 4 & 5 (90 mins)	PSHE PE (on field)	Science	PE (on playground) RE	French (SES covering) Music (LE covering)	Computing DT/Art
15:00-15:05	Return belongings to trays/Wash hands				
15:05-15:20	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Golden Time
15:20	Pick-up				

Homework:

We will be continuing to use the ClassDojo learning platform to set homework and to check work submitted.

Each week, homework tasks will be set on a Thursday afternoon to be completed by the following Friday. This should provide pupils with the opportunity to spread their tasks over a full week. We would encourage pupils to get into a habit of drip-feeding their homework instead of cramming it into the last minute.

Weekly homework will include:

- A reading task
- 20 spellings (15 pattern words and 5 from the Y5/6 National Curriculum list)
- A times-table related task

As we are not currently available to meet face-to-face as normal, please do use the ClassDojo platform as the main way of communicating with us either through the pupil portfolios or via the parent messaging section. We will endeavor to check the platform daily and respond to you as soon as possible. Please record your daily reading on there.

**For Your
Calendar:**

7th September
Pupils return to school
for Autumn Term

19th & 21st October
Parents' Evenings

26th-30th October
Half Term Holiday

What we are learning this term:

World at War

English

We will be using the classic text 'Goodnight Mister Tom' as our class novel and stimulus for our writing this term. Each pupil will have a copy of the book to read in class and we hope, through this text, pupils will become more mature in their writing. Reading strategies will be explicitly taught with a focus on written comprehension techniques and the Year 5 SPaG content will be revised and embedded before moving onto the Year 6 content.

Maths

We are delighted to be introducing 'Power Maths' as a new scheme of work across the school. This scheme will help us to quickly assess where pupils are now in their Maths learning and identify any gaps which may have occurred during lockdown. In Autumn, we'll be focusing on: place value, the four operations, fractions and geometry (position and direction). We hope pupils will become more confident in their mathematical understanding and reasoning.

History / Geography

We will be learning about how World War II started, including the events which led up to the outbreak of War and the effects and devastation it left behind. We will be learning about the effect of the Blitz and its place in history. We will find out about the need for evacuation and identify war-time jobs and the effect of propaganda. We will be exploring Britain's past using a range of sources and comparing it to life today through thoughtful discussion.

Art / Design Technology

DT takes the focus in Autumn 1 with our creation of marble mazes for YR pupils.

In Autumn 2, we turn our attention to Art focusing on 'Flight' and the use of sculpture (paper, clay and wire).

Music and French

Music this term will be taught by Ms Eatock on Thursday afternoons. In Autumn, she will be exploring 'Classroom Jazz'.

Mrs Skillern will teach French lessons every Thursday afternoon with a focus on learning and using irregular verbs avoir and être, telling the time, daily routines and Christmas.

Computing and PE

In Computing we will look at the e-safety units: 'We are online safety ambassadors' and 'We will not share inappropriate images' as well as planning and developing apps with use of micro:bit technology.

PE lessons will all be outdoor this term. On Mondays, pupils will cover Rugby and Circuit Training with Ms Sassoli and on Wednesdays, it will Gymnastics and Dance with Mrs Tait.

Science

Our first unit of Science in Year 6 will be 'Light'. Here we will be learning how the eye works and how we see. We will learn how light travels, as well as investigating shadows.

After half term our unit will be 'Electricity' where we will look at the history of electricity, become proficient in drawing electrical symbols before writing and carrying out investigations involving circuits.

RE and PSHE

In RE, we start by picking up the Buddhism unit of work missed at the end of Year 5 before continuing 'God's Big Story' with a unit on 'Incarnation' where we will be discussing the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

'Rights, Rules and Responsibilities' is our first topic in PSHE followed by 'Managing Risk' and the Y5 content of 'Relationships and Sex Education'.

For Your Calendar:

Mon 2nd November
Pupils come back to school after Half Term

18th December
Last day before the Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 11th November
3pm
Virtual Class Assembly