

Isleham Primary School Year 5

Autumn News

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Welcome to Year 5

Mrs Gibbs, Miss Eatock and Mrs Dunsmuir

We hope you all had a safe and fun summer break. For many of you this is your first time back in school since lockdown. We are so excited to get back to learning together as a class and having lots of fun. It has been great to see the children back at school and already working with enthusiasm. This term our main topic is 'Victorian Life' where the children will learn about Victorian Britain including what school life was like in that time.

Homework

Reading - Children will be expected to read daily at home for at least fifteen minutes. We have a wealth of books in our class book corner to choose from. As we will not have the home/school books to sign each morning, please add a quick note to your child's portfolio each evening letting us know what was read and for how long. E.g. "XXXX read The Jungle Book p.36-52 for 15 minutes tonight." These posts will be approved daily by the Year 5 teaching team.

Spelling – Weekly spelling lists will be posted to Class Dojo so that you know which words to be practicing at home. We are excited to launch a new online platform for learning spellings called Spelling Shed this term. More details about how to log on will come soon. Weekly spelling tests will happen in class each Thursday.

Times Tables – Times Table Rock Stars continues to be available for all pupils to learn and improve the recall of all times tables up to 12x12. Children should log on regularly to improve or maintain their speedy recall.

We look forward to a positive year of working with both the pupils and their families.

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...

PE Kit

Burgundy or PLAIN white PE t-shirt, burgundy or PLAIN black shorts, white sports socks, trainers, black jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers.

Please come into school wearing your full PE kit on the following days each week:

Wednesday (for PE with Mrs Gibbs on the Playground)

Friday (for PE with Miss Eatock on the Field)

**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:

Victorian Life

English

Over the term we will be reading and writing in a range of text types. To start the learning we will explore biographies and then move to Victorian poetry. The narrative unit of the term is the book 'Street Child' which is set in the Victorian era. The final learning will be based on alternative traditional tales.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be using and expanding our knowledge of place value and focusing on the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be using and developing written methods and problem solving. This year the children are expected to use 7 digit numbers.

History / Geography

The history theme is obviously about Victorian Life. The geography learning will include map understanding including how to use a key, finding locations using grid references, as well as recognising differences in location photographs.

Art / Design Technology

Within Art the class will consider the work of a range of artists including: Sargent, Morris, Adams and Basquiat. They will use a range of skills to create backgrounds and portraits. In Design lessons they will create a Victorian style sampler.

Music and French

In Music, the class will learn to play a brass instrument in the first half term before moving on to exploring Rock and Jazz genres of music.

In French, they will be asking and answering questions, finding out about sporting activities and clothing, opinions, learning and using the irregular verb 'avoir', conjunctions and negative sentences.

ICT and PE

In ICT lessons the class will be developing an interactive game. They will design characters and backgrounds, and create a working prototype, which they develop further based on feedback they receive. PE will include athletics and gymnastics.

Science

The science unit is 'The Properties of Materials' where the children will learn how to name, describe and make changes to them. There will be a range of experiments to demonstrate fair testing and comparative skills.

RE and PSHE

RE this term focuses on Judaism as a world faith followed by Christianity with a focus on Incarnation.

In PSHE and we will be looking at Beginning and Belonging, Working Together, Personal Safety and anti-bullying.

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