

## Curriculum News Year 1/2

# IVY CHIMNEYS

**Autumn  
Term 2015**

### COMING UP THIS TERM

<b>Meet the Teacher Evening 6pm</b>	<b>17/9</b>
<b>Elm Class Assembly</b>	<b>9/10</b>
<b>Birch Class Assembly</b>	<b>13/11</b>
<b>Chestnut Class Assembly</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Reading Morning Birch</b>	<b>Thurs</b>
<b>Reading Morning Elm</b>	<b>Tues</b>
<b>Reading Morning Chestnut</b>	<b>Fri</b>
<b>Learning Conferences 4-7pm</b>	<b>10/11 &amp; 12/11</b>
<b>KSI Christmas Performances</b>	<b>9/12</b>
<b>Firemen Visit for our topic</b>	<b>TBC</b>

This term we have some exciting things planned in Chestnut, Elm and Birch Classes. Our topic this term is Fire, Fire! which is all about the Great Fire of London.



In English we will begin by reading and writing labels and captions. The children will then be learning some repetitive stories with Talk for Writing actions, and adapting these to make their own stories. Finally this term we will be finding out about Samuel Pepys and writing our own diaries about the fire.

In maths we will begin by reading, writing and counting numbers accurately. We will then look at place value, finding out how many tens and ones are in different numbers. After that we will move on to different strategies for adding and taking away, including counting on and back, using number lines and number squares and using our knowledge of place value. Finally this term we will look at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

## Fire, Fire!

In history we will start by asking questions about the Great Fire that we can discover the answers to. We will then be ordering the events of the fire using timelines and finding out some reasons why the fire was so intense. We will explore sources which tell us about the fire, including the diary of Samuel Pepys and we will learn how London changed after the fire.

In science we will be learning about materials, including their properties and uses. We will look at some materials in more detail, including fabrics and plastics and will find out about recycling. We will be investigating the materials homes were made from in the past and finding out how the fire would have spread!

In art we will be making our own fire pictures, mixing paints to create the colours and cutting out silhouettes of London. In DT we will be designing and making our own fire engines.



In ICT we will be using es-presso to code, programming actions, using different inputs and debugging to fix problems in our codes.

In Music the children will be learning a rap song called Hey You! After half term we will be learning songs for our Christmas performances!

Christianity will be the focus of our RE lessons this term. We will be learning about churches, including some of their internal and external features. We will be finding out about some of the stories Jesus taught and will be thinking about the morals they teach. Finally we will be learning about the first Christmas; the special story Christians remember.



P.E for Birch class is on Mondays and Fridays.

P.E for Elm class is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

PE for Chestnut class is on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please make sure your child has their P.E kit ready for PE days. Also, girls must have long hair tied back and no earrings should be worn on PE days.

### HOMEWORK

- Read at home everyday— use Bug Club too! Books will only be changed if an adult has signed the reading diary.
- Learn spellings given out on Fridays.
- Learn times tables (starting with counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 10 and 5). These will be rewarded as the children learn them.
- English homework and handwriting homework will be given out alternate Fridays.
- Mathematics homework will be set every week on Fridays.