

# Curriculum News Year 1/2

# IVY CHIMNEYS

Autumn Term  
2016

Welcome Back!

## COMING UP THIS TERM

Meet the Teacher Evening 6pm	15/9
Elm Class Assembly	23/9
Chestnut Class Assembly	7/10
Birch Class Assembly	4/11
Reading Mornings Elm	Tues
Reading Mornings Birch	Thurs
Reading Mornings Chestnut	Fri
Learning Conferences	8/11 & 10/11
Christmas Performances	7/12
Trip to a Royal Gunpowder Mills	TBC

## 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.
- Learn times tables (starting with counting in steps of 2, 10 and 5). These will be rewarded as the children learn them.
- Mathletics/ Bug Club Homework will be set alternative Fridays.
- Brainbuilder tasks and hand-writing homework will be set alternate Fridays.

This term we have some exciting things planned in Chestnut, Elm and Birch Classes. Our topic this term is 'Fiesta!'. We will be finding out about a range of festivals and celebrations, including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Hanukkah and Christmas.



In English we will begin by writing labels and captions for birthday celebrations. The children will then be learning about traditional stories, such as the Little Red Hen. We will adapt these stories, changing the characters and events. Finally we will be writing our own recounts and exploring Christmas poetry.

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 and using number lines and number squares.

## Fiesta!

In RE the children will be learning about festivals which are celebrated at this time of year. We will look at why different festivals are celebrated, the religious stories behind these occasions and how these events are celebrated.

Computing will be closely linked to our topic this term. The children will be taught to log on, shut down and print independently. We will use the iPads and Chromebooks to develop our computing skills, linked to the festivals we are learning about.

In History we will be finding out about the history of Bonfire Night.

In Geography we will be finding out about countries linked to the festivals we are learning about, including India and Israel.

In Art the children will be developing their collage and printing skills. They will be looking at artworks by Gustav Klimt and Vincent Van Gogh.

In Music we will begin by learning a South African song Hands, Feet, Heart. After half-term we will move on to learning Christmas songs for our Christmas performance— Babushka.

In DT the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own tee-shirt designs to celebrate Christmas.

In Science the children will be learning about seasonal changes, focusing on how plants and trees change in the Autumn. They will be finding out about the food plants provide us with, linked to the Harvest Festival. They will be learning about wild flowers and garden flowers.



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

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

P.E for Chestnut class is on Tuesdays and Fridays.

This term we will be learning dances for different festivals.

Please make sure your child has their P.E kit, including plimsolls in school. Girls must have long hair tied back and no earrings on P.E days.

