

## Curriculum News

Year 5/6

# IVY CHIMNEYS

Spring Term 2015

Welcome Back!

### COMING UP THIS TERM

<b>Non-Pupil day</b>	<b>Friday 23rd January</b>
<b>Aiming Higher Meetings</b>	<b>Week beg: 26.1.15</b>
<b>Class assemblies</b> <b>Beech</b> <b>Maple</b> <b>Walnut</b>	<b>6 Feb</b> <b>27 Feb</b> <b>20 Mar</b>
<b>Parents Evenings</b>	<b>3rd &amp; 5th March</b>
<b>Easter Disco</b>	<b>19th March</b>
<b>Visit to Maritime Museum</b>	<b>TBC</b>

## Adventurers and Explorers

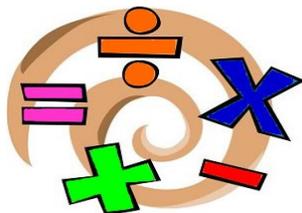
This term our topic is Adventurers and Explorers. The children will learn why explorers made their journeys, where they went and what they found.

We hope to visit the Maritime Museum to learn more about the age of exploration.

In English, we will link much of our work to our topic, covering skills such as journalistic writing, discussion texts, adventure stories and poetry.



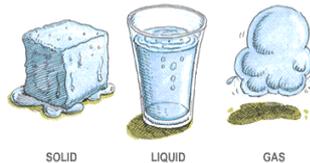
Maths will follow the new curriculum, although there will also be some links to our topic.



We will look at portraiture, studying examples of famous explorers and more modern pieces by Frida Kahlo.



In Design and Technology we will be investigating shelters and their construction, including linking to our science topic on materials.



In Science the children will be studying materials and the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

Test day for tables and spellings will be Thursday for Maple and Fridays for Beech and Walnut

In ICT we will be researching the lives and discoveries of explorers throughout history, presenting our findings in a number of formats, including stop-frame animation.

Our topic will culminate in an afternoon of exploration and treasure hunts, using our orienteering and map reading skills.



R.E. will focus on Christianity and the Easter story.

In P.S.H.C.E. the children will be looking at healthy lifestyles.

Children should have their PE kit in school every day. Friday's sessions may include cross country. Sportshall athletics will take place on Thursdays.

Please make sure your children have the appropriate kits ready.

### HOMEWORK

- Read regularly at home
- Learn weekly spellings and complete any investigation given
- Practise times tables regularly
- The Explorers homework project has a weekly task and needs to be handed in every Friday.
- On occasions topic based homework may be given to the children or they may bring home work to finish off.