

Curriculum News Year 1/2

IVY CHIMNEYS

Spring Term
2019

COMING UP THIS TERM

Elm Class Assembly	8/3
Birch Class Assembly	1/3
Chestnut Class Assembly	1/2
Year 2 SATs meeting for parents	16/1
Parents Evenings	19/3 & 21/3
Trip to Epping Forest	27/3
Mother's day event	29/3

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).
- Mathletics or Bug Club Homework will be set every Friday.
- Brainbuilder tasks and handwriting homework will be set on alternate Fridays.

Wild and Wonderful Weather!

This term we have some exciting things planned in Chestnut, Elm and Birch Classes. Our topic this term is Wild and Wonderful Weather! We will be finding out about different weathers, including some extreme weathers, like flooding.



In Literacy we will begin by reading and writing instructions. The children will then be learning about fantasy stories, using these stories as models for their own writing.

In maths we will continue to look at a range of strategies for addition and subtraction, including using number lines, diennes and drawing number lines. We will begin to look at multiplication and division through arrays and repeated addition. The children will continue to develop their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, measurements, time and money. We will also begin to look at fractions of shapes and numbers.

In geography we will be looking at weather forecasting and how weather symbols are used on maps of the UK. We will find out about compass directions and how weather is measured. The children will look at maps of the world and learn about temperature near the equator.

In science we will be learning about the sun and how shadows and silhouettes are made. We will be recapping about the seasons and finding out about seasonal weather patterns. After half term we will be learning about living things and their habitats.

In DT we will be developing cookery skills such as chopping, cutting and spreading. We will use these to prepare items for our Mother's day activity.

In music we will be finding out about different instruments and how these are played and classified. We will be using these to make weather music.



In computing we will be learning about algorithms; sets of instructions for doing things. The children will be programming bee-bots and using computer-based control activities.

The work of Joan Miro and Alexander Calder is the inspiration for our art lessons this term. We will be exploring abstract art and creating our own art work, based on their designs.



Hinduism will be our focus religion this term. We will be finding out about the different gods and goddesses, the places of worship and the festival of Holi.

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 and girls have long hair tied back and no earrings on PE days.