

Curriculum News Year 1/2

IVY CHIMNEYS

Summer
Term 2019

COMING UP THIS TERM

Birch Class Assembly	12.7
Chestnut Class Assembly	7.6
Elm Class Assembly	21.6
Y2 SATs	May
Dads to School Day	14/6
Hatfield House Trip	19/6
Sports Day	3/7
Open Evening	16/7

HOMWORK

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

This term we have some exciting things planned in Chestnut, Elm and Birch Classes. Our topic this term is Kings and Queens. We will be learning about our current queen, other monarchs and castles.



In literacy we will continue our work on riddles. Then we will look at story writing, including using story starters to write our own stories. Finally we will look at types of texts linked to our topic, such as writing diaries and letters in character as kings and queens.

In maths we will start by looking at measurements, position and direction. We will then look again at the 4 operations, and will practise different strategies to solve word problems. Later on we will be learning about time and data handling.

Kings and Queens

In history we will be finding out about the queen, including her family tree and key events in her life, such as her coronation. We will then compare her with Henry VIII, including looking at the changing role of the monarch. Finally we will be finding out about castles and looking at Tudor food.

In science we will be learning about materials and their properties. We will be investigating which materials are best for a task. After half term we will be finding out about types of animals, animal body parts and how we can categorise animals into different groups.

In music we will continue to learn to play the xylophone and later on learn environmental themed songs for the infant music festival.

Sikhism will be our focus religion this term. We will be finding out about Guru Nanak, the Gurdwara and Sikh beliefs and celebrations.

In computing we will be learning how to code using Scratch Junior. The children will make characters move in different ways, add sounds and program their own character interactions. If you want to have a go at home take a look at <http://www.scratchjr.org/>

In art we will be looking at portraits of different kings and queens and using these as the inspiration for our own work, including abstract artwork and collage.



P.E for Birch class is on Monday and Friday.

P.E for Elm class is on Tuesday and Wednesday.

PE for Chestnut class is on Tuesday and Friday.

Please make sure your child has their P.E kit ready and girls have long hair tied back and no earrings on PE days.

Please remember to provide trainers in school for the daily mile.