

Irchester Class Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to School. I hope you all had a lovely relaxing summer break. We have lots of exciting things planned for the next term. I would like to thank everyone who bought myself and Miss Errington cards and presents at the end of last term, we are very grateful and touched by your generosity.

School Values – this term's focus will be on Respect.

Home Learning

Home learning will be in the form of daily reading, weekly spellings and times tables (for Year 2). We ask that you record your child's reading in their planners every time you read with them and that you sign your child's planner each week to confirm that you have been involved with their home learning. Year 1 and Year 2 children will have a spelling book in which their spellings will be given each week and they will be tested on these the following week. Spelling homework should begin shortly. Year 2 children will be given a times table book, in which their times table homework will be found. This will also be tested the following week. Times table homework will not be set until after half term.

Reading

We would like to encourage you to continue to read with your children at home, talking about the stories they have read, identifying characters or favourite parts and making predictions based on the book. Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. We read with your child in school at least once a week and will continue to do so for the remainder of the school year. We will also be having daily reading sessions where your child will take part in class, group and individual reading activities.

PE

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. However, please keep PE kits in school at all times to cover any extra physical sessions that may take place. PE kits will be sent home with the children at the end of each half term.

Experiences

Irchester class will have the opportunity to put on a Christmas performance. More information to follow.

Dates

28th September FOMS Macmillan coffee morning

5th October harvest festival

15th and 16th October parents evening

Extra Information

In Irchester, children are welcome to bring in a water bottle that they will have access to during the school day. These water bottles need to be clearly named. We also ask that all of their school clothes are clearly named.

Thank you
Miss Arnold and Miss Errington

Dinosaurs

Our first topic for this half term is Dinosaurs!

English

In our English lessons we will begin by looking at basic punctuation and grammar. We will then look at stories from familiar settings and writing our own stories. We will also be having daily reading sessions to learn about the different skills needed to read. One of our five English lessons each week will be solely based on reading.

Maths

Our maths lessons will remain practical and engaging. The children will have opportunities to work as a whole class, part of a group and individually. Our first topic in maths is place value, followed by addition and subtraction.

Phonics

We will have daily phonics sessions at the beginning of each school day. Children will be split into different phonics groups. In year 1, we will be recapping phase 3 sounds and year 2 will be looking at phase 6 sounds.

Topic

Our weekly topic lessons will look at fossils, dinosaurs' habitats with links to everyday animals including animals' diets and food chains. Children will receive one topic input every week but will have access to resources and activities around our theme throughout the week.

RE and Computing

In computing, we will be looking at programmable toys in year 1 and programming on a screen in year 2. In RE we will be looking at the concept of peace.

Music and PSHE

Music and PSHE will continue to be taught collaboratively with Reception. We will be looking at healthy eating, and healthy lifestyles. In music we will be looking at beat and rhythm.

PE

Gymnastics and dance (based around a dinosaur theme!)

British Values

Our focus this term will be democracy and mutual respect.