



Spring 2023 Class Newsletter

Ireland

Class Teacher: Mrs Benson

Welcome back
to school!

We have got lots
planned for this term,
please make sure you
stay in touch through
the school newsletter!

Quick notices:

Reading logs: We love seeing all the reading that is going on. Mrs Castle and I will continue to check reading logs daily. Please ensure that you are hearing your child read at least three times a week and that this is recorded in their log. If you are short of time, ask your child to complete their own record in the reading log.

Homework: A Homework grid will be uploaded half-termly to Google Classroom. Parents/carers please then **photograph or scan** the children's homework tasks and upload them to Google Classroom.

Spellings: Spellings will be handed out on Monday and tested the following Monday. These will be uploaded to Google Classroom, as well as strategies to help your child learn their spellings.

Allergies - we are a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. We politely request that you ensure your child does not bring nuts into school as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any food item that may contain **nuts or sesame seeds**.

Snacks - please ensure your child brings a suitable fruit or vegetable snack for their break. Large chocolate bars and crisps are not considered to be a healthy snack for break. Lunchboxes should be balanced.

Knowledge organiser - You will find this on our class webpage. It goes through the knowledge that the children will need for our themes this term.

Important dates for Ireland class:

January

11th January - Hawking About
super starter
19th January - Class Assembly



February

1st February - Artist visit - Dominique
Salm
13th - 17th February - Half term



March

2nd March - World Book Day
3rd March - International Day
10th March - World of Work Day
17th March - Reports to go home
23rd March - KS2 Book Look
28th March - Parent's Evening
30th March - Parent's Evening
31st March - Last day of term -
Easter Eggstravaganza



April

3rd - 14th April - Easter
holiday



Curriculum

<p>English - 1st half term: We will be writing letters to thank Hawking About for their visit. We will also be writing alternative endings to Roald Dahl's 'The Enormous Crocodile'. 2nd half term: We will be writing tourist information leaflets about important cities in the UK. We will then be writing a narrative story based on a video about a city.</p>	<p>Maths - 1st half term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and Division • Length and Perimeter 2nd half term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions • Mass and Capacity </p>	<p>Science - 1st half term: We will be continuing our learning about 'Forces and Magnets'. This will then be followed by 'Animals including Humans' 2nd half term: In the second half term, we will be learning about 'Light'. We will identify light sources and learn about shadows.</p>
<p>PE - 1st half term: We will be participating in gymnastics in the hall every Wednesday. Mrs Burbidge will take the children for volleyball on a Friday morning. 2nd half term: Mrs Burbidge will be teaching tennis, with a focus on hitting and striking with accuracy and distance.</p>	<p>Spanish - The children will be taught Spanish each week by Miss Bell. They will be learning a range of colours in Spanish, and then talking about pets. They will learn how to say we have or don't have particular animals, and will begin to use the colours we have learned to describe them.</p>	<p>RHE - 1st half term: We will be learning about achievements and setting goals. 2nd half term: We will be celebrating diversity. Please note that all RHE lessons follow our curriculum and are age-appropriate.</p>
<p>Geography - 1st half term: We will be exploring human geography and looking at trading in more detail. 2nd half term: We will start our topic 'Urban Pioneers' giving us an insight into what life is like in different cities around the world.</p>	<p>Art - 1st half term - We will be learning about feathers. We are also very lucky to have a visit booked with local artist, Dominique Salm.</p>	<p>D&T - 2nd half term - We will be making an electronic key.</p>
<p>RE - 1st half term: We will be learning about Gospel. 2nd half term: We will be looking into Salvation and the Easter Story.</p>	<p>Music - 1st half term: We will be learning the song 'Three little birds'. 2nd half term: We will be learning a song called 'The Dragon Song'.</p>	<p>Computing - 1st half term: We will be exploring spreadsheets. 2nd half term: We will be learning how to touch type.</p>

If you have any concerns, please feel free to speak with me.
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Kind regards, Mrs Benson