



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Our brilliant children!

We have started our celebration assemblies virtually on a Friday and each week we will celebrate positive learning behaviour. We have started this with Key Stage One for the moment and will include Reception soon. The children are rewarded raffle tickets for demonstrating skills such as starting their work straight away, helping a friend or answering a question. These are then put into a pot and teachers draw out a winner each week to win a small prize. The children have earned so many raffle tickets since returning due to excellent learning behaviour. They have all really impressed us! **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!**

MEET THE TEAM

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about how they have settled in or questions about learning. All other queries need to go to the office email iniso@ift.org.uk

Teacher	Contact Email
Mrs Luke- Nursery Team Leader	bluegroup@ift.org.uk
Mrs Dodds	yellowgroup@ift.org.uk
Miss Knibb	greengroup@ift.org.uk
Mrs Hurley- Reception Team Leader	monkeyclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Matthews and Miss Chapman- Deputy head	meerkatclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Kitson	dolphinclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Mason	lemurclass@ift.org.uk
Miss Smart	pandaclass@ift.org.uk
Miss Garrett	slothclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Grocock and Mrs Wright- Deputy head	tigerclass@ift.org.uk
Miss Lees- KS1 Team Leader	penguinclass@ift.org.uk
Miss Smith	zebraclass@ift.org.uk
Mr O'Brien	giraffe@ift.org.uk

Dates for the diary

25 th September	Home learning goes out
6 th October	School photographs
7 th October 11am	New Reception 2021 virtual Zoom tour
9 th October	Home learning to come in New homework goes out
12 th October 2pm	New Reception 2021 virtual Zoom tour
15 th October	Reading and phonics workshop via Zoom for Reception and KS1
23 rd October	Home learning to come in New homework goes out
23 rd October	Break up for the Autumn break
3 rd November (Tuesday)	Return to school

Parking

Please can you park responsibly around the streets in Irthlingborough. We recommend you walk to school if you can or park at the Cross car park where there is plenty of free parking. Please do not park or use as a turning space on the access road. Parking is not allowed on zig-zag lines even for disabled drivers. We cannot let vehicles onto the site at drop off or pick up time as we use the carpark as a safe walking space as part of our one-way system.



The infection rate is rising please keep your family safe!

Please do not arrive early for drop off or pick up. Being a few minutes later will help with social distancing on our site. Please wear a mask if you feel you cannot socially distance.



MEET THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

We have a strong and dedicated safeguarding team, who want to ensure our children are safe and secure at all times. If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of our team on the main school phone number 01933 654900. For more safeguarding information please follow the link to our website.

<https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding>

Any one of our team can help and support.



Covid risk assessment

As part of our Covid risk assessment we have increased the ventilation in classrooms by keeping windows open but as the weather is cooling down it is important that children have their school jumpers with them. We also are trying to be outside for some lessons and obviously at playtimes, therefore the children will also need coats.

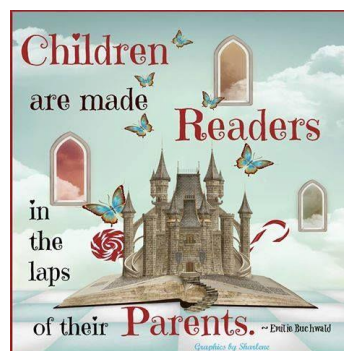
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Home Learning

This term most of our homework will be set with Purple Mash, Numbots or will be practical activities to try at home or in the community. We would love to see photos or short videos on Twitter of your adventures. The home learning will be based around the areas that teachers feel the children need more practise. We will not be having home learning journals this term, so work does not need to be returned in the traditional manner.

Read all about it!!

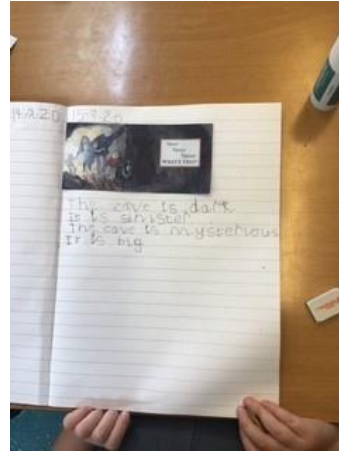
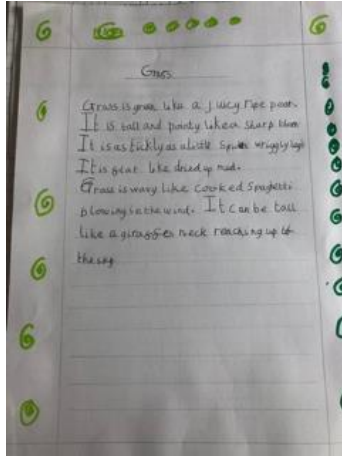


We want to encourage all parents to prioritise reading with their children. Reading books from school will be coming home next week but please share books from home and share stories together. The stories videos from lockdown are still on our website to share with your child. We have also purchased Reading Eggs, an online reading programme for all our Reception and Year One children. Look out for logins which will be coming home soon! You can take a look at the website here. It can be accessed on tablets, phone or a laptop. <https://readingeggs.co.uk>

“The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Follow the link for the Story time videos
<https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/parents/home-learning/story-time>

BACK TO SCHOOL



We continue to have had a fantastic Autumn term full of positivity, another Blue Peter Badge, nature walks, active learning and Andy Goldsworthy art work!

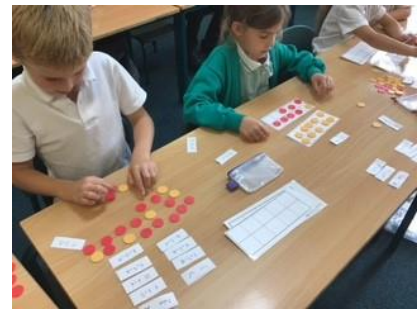


We are excited about all the new learning at school and home!

For more information visit our website: <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/home>



Amazing learning opportunities inside and out!



Kinetic Letters

We use a handwriting programme called Kinetic letters which focuses on developing strength for writing stamina. The children will do the plank, chair push ups and special poses to develop the strength and coordination to help with handwriting. If you can support your child with activities to develop fine and gross motor skills this will help with the physical aspect of writing.



Penguin pose



Gorilla pose



Meerkat pose



Who can teach their grown ups at home these three poses? Can you Tweet some of your photos?

[Click here to go to our Twitter feed on our website](#)

Kinetic Letters letter formation guide and vocabulary

Kinetic Letters- Lower case

a

Pull round, down,
push, up like a helicopter
down, bump, flick.

b

Down-bump, back up
(half way), push over, down
pull in and hug the tree.

c

Pull around,
down, push.

d

Pull around, down, push,
up like a helicopter with a
big engine, down-bump, flick.

e

Start in the middle, push
across, up, pull, down
push around.

f

Pull over, on down, pull
around to make a tail
(pen off), push a line.

g

Pull around, down, push,
up like a helicopter, down,
on down, pull around for a tail.

h

Down-bump, back up
(half way), push over,
down-bump, flick.

i

Down-bump, flick,
put a dot on.

j

Down, on down, pull around
to make a tail, put a dot on.

k

Down-bump, slide in
Slide out, to make the
penguin's beak

l

Down-bump,
flick.

m

Down-bump, back up,
push over, down-bump,
back up, push over, down-
bump, flick

n

Down-bump, back up,
push over, down-bump,

o

Pull around, down,
push up and stop.

p

Down, on down into the pit, see
the spider (ahh!), back up, push
flick (the webs away), pull in
and hug the tree.

q

Pull around, down, push over, down-bump, back up, push over, down, on down, flick.

r

Down-bump, back up, push over.

s

Pull around, down, push and pull round.

t

Down-bump, flick, push a line.

u

Down-bump, push up, down-bump, flick.

v

Slide down, slide up.

w

Slide down, slide up, slide down, slide up.

x

Slide down, slide down.

y

Down-bump, along, up, back down, on down and push around to make a tail.

z

Push, slide down, push.

Have fun sharing your letters with your grown ups!

