Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

***IDIOMS***

1. The best of both worlds- Enjoy two different opportunities at the same time

2. When pigs fly- something that will never happen

3. Let the cat out of the bag- to accidently reveal a secret

4. To cut corners- to do something badly or cheaply

5. To hit the nail on the head- to describe exactly what is causing a situation or problem

6. Break a leg- means ‘good luck’ (often said to actors before they go on stage)

7. To feel under the weather- to not feel well

8. Bark up wrong tree- a person who is doing the wrong things because their ideas or beliefs are incorrect

9. One’s best bet- action most likely to succeed

10. In black and white- something which has a written proof

11. Square deal- an honest transaction

12. With one voice- in unison

13. Get on in years- growing old

14. Knee-high to a grasshopper- refers to a very young and small child

15. Mutton dressed as a lamb- someone who tries to look younger by dressing in clothes designed for younger people

16. Bee in one’s bonnet- an idea which constantly occupies their thoughts

17. Dig in your heels- refuse to do something when someone is trying to convince

18. Be up in arms- when you are very angry about something

19. Blow a gasket- to explode with anger

20. Cheesed off- annoyed, bored or frustrated with something

21. Ants in one’s pants- to be very restless or excited about something

22. To break the back of the beast- succeed in overcoming a major difficulty

23. For the birds- consider something uninteresting, useless or not to be taken seriously

24. Snug as a bug in a rug- humorous way of saying that one is warm and comfortable

25. Cat on hot bricks- a person who is very nervous or restless

26. Heebie-jeebies- state of apprehension, nervousness or anxiety

27. Bury the hatchet- people who decide to forget their quarrels and become friends again

28. Too many chiefs, not enough in Indians- too many people giving instructions and not enough people doing the work

29. Knocked on my heels- getting surprised

30. Rally the troops- to gather friends together