



# Key Stage One Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2017

## Welcome

We are looking forward to a busy term in Key Stage One. We are going to have lots of fun experiences across the curriculum and learn through exploring, problem solving and researching! During the term we will have some themed weeks to take part in across school including Equality and Diversity week and OLI's got talent week, where the children will have chance to display what they have learnt in key topics. The children will continue to access Phonics, Spelling, English and Maths everyday and will have lessons in RE, PE and foundation subjects throughout the afternoon sessions.

## Reading at home and in school

Reading is key to accessing all areas of learning, we will continue to read with each child in school and appreciate the comments we receive in their reading records. Please continue this as the school year progresses, the children who are reading at home every night have a real advantage in school and the more they have the opportunity to apply their learning the better!



## Key Dates

**Phonics and Spelling Workshop:** 26th January 2:15pm

**Equality and Diversity Week:** 6th—10th February

**Miss Hughes' Class Assembly:** 17th February 9am

**E-Safety Family Friday:** 17th February 9am

**Maths Workshop:** 16th March 2:30 pm

**Mothers Day Afternoon Tea:** 24th March 2:45pm

**Trip to Chester Zoo:** 5th April 9am (All day)

**Our Lady  
Immaculate  
Catholic Primary  
School**

### Home Activities

- ☺ Support and encourage your Childs home reading
- ☺ Ensure homework is completed
- ☺ Talk to your child about what they are learning in school
- ☺ Visit school website and suggested websites, Apps and activities

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## Phonics

Particularly for our Year One children Phonics is an area for focus throughout the year. This term we will be preparing for the Phonics Screening Assessment and ensuring all children access phonics teaching every day.

Year Two children will continue to revisit phonics and be introduced to spellings throughout the term, we ask that you practise these at home whenever possible.

## English

This term we will be focusing on a range of writing genres including, Traditional Tales, Instructions, Non-Chronological Reports and Poetry. There will be an increased emphasis on spelling correctly within writing and using phonetic knowledge independently in order for our children to reach the expected standard. Children will take part in a range of exciting English lessons, taking on different roles and experiencing stories through drama.

## Mathematics

We are continuing with number operations for the first half term revisiting concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division across the Key Stage. The children will be exposed to challenging questions throughout maths lessons and encouraged to use problem solving skills in order to develop a mastery of the subject. Counting in multiples of twos fives and tens is paramount for success this half term.

## Come and See

Our Come and See topics are;

- ♦ The Local Church
- ♦ Community
- ♦ Eucharist
- ♦ Lent
- ♦ Pentecost



## Topic Work

Our topic work this half term includes Design Technology, ICT and PSHE objectives, we are re-creating "The Great British Bake Off". Children have been part of the planning process and have decided to follow a number of interesting lines of enquiry.



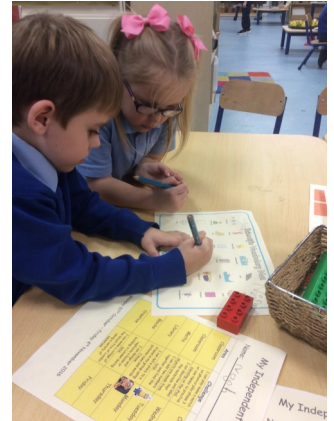
## Exciting opportunities.....

Throughout the next few weeks we will be focusing on our new topic related to 'The Great British Bake Off'. The children are super excited to become camera boys and girls, bakers and even have their creations judged by our very own version of Mary Berry.

Also, nearer the end of this term some children will be taking part in the North Liverpool Academy dance competition as well as perform in our exciting event, 'OLI'S Got Talent' !

## Equality and Diversity

Equality and diversity has become a high focus in Our Lady Immaculate. This term we will be having an equality and diversity week on 6th February 2017. Look out on the website to see what your child has been learning!



## Attendance and Punctuality

We urge you to ensure your children arrive to school every day on time, some of our most important lessons such as phonics, guided reading and spelling take place at 9am every morning. Maintaining a good attendance figure is directly linked with the children making good progress and reaching their potential. The children are much more settled and able to participate socially when they arrive to school on time alongside their peers. We thank all of the families who do this consistently.

## Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in following the schools uniform policy, the children look very smart and this has been commented upon by visitors to the school. Please remember to regularly check that your child's uniform is clearly labeled with their name.

## Physical Education

From now on all children in the Key Stage One area will need their PE kits in school on Tuesday and Thursday. We would greatly appreciate if all children came to school in their uniform and brought their kit in a bag. This will allow us to help the children increase their skills in independence and dressing themselves. Thank You.

## Family Fridays and Parent Workshops

We are confident that the children are settled into what is going to be a very busy term and as a result of consulting parents last term we have decided to set dates each half term for one Family Fridays session and a selection of workshops that will allow us to help parents who wish to gain more knowledge in phonics, reading spelling, handwriting and maths.

## RSPB

On the 19th January we have a visit from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. They will be completing interactive sessions with us and the children on the following topics: Giving Nature A Home, Bioblitz and Bog Schools Bird Watch. The sessions will all be held outdoors so please can you make sure your child has a pair of wellingtons or sturdy shoes and a thick warm coat.

Last year the schools project saw over 91000 children enjoy fun sessions all over the country. The learning was interactive and the feedback from the pupils showed the experience to be a valuable learning session.

## Internet Safety Day

On the 7th February the school will be taking part in Internet Safety Day. Your children will be accessing fun interactive opportunities to learn all about internet safety and how they can protect themselves and others. There will be a competition launched to create a school poster for 2017-2018 which are displayed all over the school. The prizes are linked to ICT and were very popular last year. Please encourage your child to take part.

## School App

Have you downloaded our school app? If you haven't you should! Its an easy way of being kept up to date with events and things that are and will be happening in school. There are a lot of things that you can access including school menu's.



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### Apps and Websites

- iPhoto
- Forest Phonics
- ABC Phonics lite
- ABC Maths lite
- Kids Maths Dinosaur
- ICT Games.com
- [www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016)

### Polite Reminders

Please can we remind children to keep their toys at home as they can get distressed if they are accidently lost or broken.

*Thank you for your continued support!*



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