



Key Stage One Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2017

Home Reading

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting their child at home with their reading. This really does make a huge difference in supporting your child's confidence and also practising and reinforcing valuable reading skills that have been taught in school.

We have noticed a huge difference in the amount of children reading at home each night, this is providing your child with not only a love for reading but also valuable skills they will use for life.

Reading at home is also having a huge impact across the whole curriculum, so please keep it up!

Ankoma Fundraising

As you are aware the children have been raising funds for the Ankoma School in Ghana, Africa. During Lent, each class chose an activity which contributed to **the grand total of £1,823.77.**

Some children did sponsored events, others held a raffle, others washed cars, whatever activity they did it was lovely to see all the children working together to support another school who, as I am sure you are aware, operate in very difficult circumstances.

Over the next few weeks the school council will be meeting with classes to decide how this money will be spent and how it can support the education and healthcare of the children of Ankoma School. I would like to thank all our families for helping us raise this money and for supporting us in raising the children's awareness of the lives of our friends in Ghana. We will keep you informed of the decisions of the children and will use our APP and our Website to post pictures and articles about this venture.

Enterprise Day

We will all be taking part in Enterprise day across school on Monday 19th June. Children will be put into teams to design, make and market their own products in line with the Design Technology curriculum objectives. We will work as many businesses do and compete to make the most profit from £5.

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Home Activities:

- ☺ Ask your child what they have been learning in class.
- ☺ Try to read a story with your child every night.
- ☺ Look at letters and numerals in the everyday environment and ask your child a fact about them.



Subject Information

Music

Year 1 and 2 both take part in music classes with our music specialist, Mrs Hardwick.

Year 2 also go to Recorder Club! We are very lucky and always share performances with the rest of the class.

Come and See

Year 1: Reconciliation

Year 2: Spread the word

Spanish

We are very lucky to have our Spanish teacher Gina who comes every week to teach us Spanish. Year 1 and 2 love these sessions.

Science

KS1—Plants and Living Things will be our Science focus and we are hoping to get outdoors to explore our objectives.



Literacy

KS1—Non-chronological reports, explanation texts and Fantasy settings will be our genres of writing during Summer.

Numeracy

We will be working on Shape, Measure, Position and Direction and revisiting all of the number operations during Summer

Geography

We are using 'Moana' and Ice Age as a vehicle for the children finding out about:

- Continents
- Oceans
- Parts of Great Britain

School Website, Parent APP and Twitter.

We welcome all feedback about our website and appreciate all contributions to our sites. Photos are regularly uploaded onto the website so that parents can see how the children enjoy our exciting curriculum!

Please remember to look at the website regularly for updates regarding your child's curriculum and any updates that you need to be aware of.

Have you downloaded our APP yet?

Our app is available from the iTunes store or the google play store. Just search Our Lady Immaculate Primary School and you will see our logo. This is free and easy to use!



Interventions in Key Stage One

Phonics

Every afternoon we are joined by Mrs Bowcock our Reading Recovery Teacher to support us in learning and preparing Phonics for the Phonics Skills Test in June. We are specifically looking at our sounds and decoding and re-blending to sound out real and nonsense words. The Phonics Screening Test is a statutory test for all Year 1 pupils and Year 2 pupils who did not reach the expected pass mark last year. The children have 40 words to decode and re-blend correctly looking at their letters and sounds. The afternoon phonics sessions are fun interactive sessions that consolidate the children's class learning.



1st Class at Number

Mrs O'Leary delivers this programme to Year 2 children, who take part in 3 sessions of practical maths activities each week for 12 weeks. This has a really positive impact on children's skills in number in class.

Outdoor Learning

As the weather gets warmer we try to make the most of our outdoor learning environment by teaching lessons outside, we do this for a number of reasons and have found it to be an effective way of ensuring engagement, embedding learning and creating memories. This term will see the children using the school grounds regularly so it is essential that they are dressed appropriately and are protected from the sun, we recommend that sun cream is applied before the day begins and caps are brought in daily. Please also ensure water bottles are sent in with your child daily.



Miss Smyth and Mrs Bowcock are delighted to be invited to study for the Forest School Leaders Course starting in June. This will involve small groups of children actively learning through outdoor challenges involving our local natural environment. The learning will take place in the Everton Nature Garden and we are lucky to be supported by Louise Griffin who will be supporting us through our training. This training has been made possible because of the kind donation of the Peoples Postcode Lottery.

Attendance

Congratulations to Miss Hughes' Class for having the best class attendance in the school in the Spring 2 half term. We won £66.70 and we have spent the money on getting some pet fish and some board games for wet play.

SATs for Year 2

We are coming to the beginning of our SATs testing period. The staff would like to remind Year 2 parents that this is a very important time in your child's education and the children need to be prepared for their busy days. Early nights, good breakfasts and coming to school on time will help ensure that all children are settled and ready to perform at their best. Results from the SATs will be shared with parents in the Summer reports.

Phonics Screening

The Week beginning 12th June 2017, all Year 1 and some Year 2 children will complete phonics screening during this week. The children are required to read 40 words which are phonetically decodable and parents will receive information in their child's summer report indicating if they reached age related expectations. If any parents have any questions about the test please don't hesitate to ask.

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 children have started attending swimming lessons every Thursday. This really helps the children progress with their confidence in the water. These sessions will continue until the end of term. Could you please ensure that your child continues brings a healthy snack and drink with them, thank you.

Important Assemblies

The Year 2 graduation assembly will take place at the end of the summer term, more information to and dates to follow shortly.

Miss Smyth's class assembly will be at 9:10am in the hall on Friday 23rd June.



Thank you to all our families for your continued support with attendance and punctuality. It is essential that children are ready to start the day by 9am and are with us until 3:15pm. Children will only be permitted to leave school early if school is provided with a medical appointment letter or card. We are sure you understand that any missed time from school has a negative impact on children's learning.



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