



Key Stage One Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2018

Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School

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



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.



What we have been up to!

The children in KS1 are continuing to work extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum and there have been many developments over the Spring term. Children absolutely loved out Christopher Columbus topic, exploring who he was, why he is famous and the boats he used to travel on. We were overwhelmed with the home learning project and the amount of effort that was put into making boats of all different shapes and sizes was fantastic. Children's literacy skills are progressing brilliantly which has been evident through our BFG topic with many creative writing opportunities. Throughout this topic children also learned many facts about the UK and even wrote reports about the four countries within it.

We have been trying to make the most of the sunnier days, utilising this to take our learning outside, especially within maths exploring shape, measure and time.

A big thanks!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to all the Mums, Nans, Aunties and other family members who came along to our Mother's Day celebration. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and we managed to raise a brilliant... Which was used to support charities during Lent.



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

Come and See

Year 1: Holidays and Holy Days

Year 2: Spread the

Spanish

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

Science

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



Topic

We will be exploring which continent would be best for dinosaurs to live in. We will research and explore facts about dinosaurs which will link to History and Geography to help us.

Literacy

KS1—Non-chronological reports and poetry will be our topics this term!

Numeracy

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

Useful website-

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.geographygames.co.uk

www.purplemash.co.uk

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

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.

KS1 can be also be followed on twitter for weekly and termly updates of our learning in the classroom.

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

Everyday 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. Our daily phonics sessions are fun interactive sessions that consolidate the children's class learning.



1st Class at Number

Mrs O'Leary and Miss Hughes deliver 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.

Forest School

Mrs Bradley and Mrs Bowcock are both continuing their training to become Level 3 qualified Forest School Leaders. Forest school is an inspirational process, that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees. Now the weather is improving sessions will resume on a Monday morning. Letters will be sent home with further information.



Forest School is a specialised learning approach that sits within and compliments the wider context of outdoor and woodland education.

Request: Please could anybody donate any wellies that no longer fit their children for our school to use in case anyone forgets to bring a pair. Thank you

Attendance

As a whole school and a key stage we are really pushing to constantly maintain and improve our punctuality and attendance rates. Thankyou for ensuring your children are in on time everyday and we hope this continues in this last term. We also have weekly incentive and prizes to win for best class attendance with Miss Whittaker's class being in the lead so far.

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

During mid June 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.

Summer Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in following the schools uniform policy, the children look very smart and it is nice to see the summer uniforms too. Please remember to regularly check that your child's uniform is clearly labeled with their name.

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 Information

The Year 2 graduation assembly will take place at the end of the summer term, more information to and dates to follow shortly. Our Summer trip is also in the process of being finalised so information will be with you as soon as possible.



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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