

## Mrs Sergeant's Desk

This is a really busy and hardworking term in school and we ask all parents to support us by establishing positive bedtime routines so that the children get to bed on time without the distractions of TVs or online games. Your child will work best when well rested.

**Parents Singapore Maths Week** This term we are inviting parents to come into school with their children to see our new Singapore Maths sessions. Each family will receive an invitation from their child and you will be able to book into 1 session (1 hour) throughout the week. I think you will be amazed to see how the children are enjoying Maths and are growing in confidence with this new approach. **The suggested week for this is 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Free School meals and packed lunches** This term I will be working with children and families to try to reduce the amount of packed lunches coming into school and to increase the amount of families who are accessing a free school dinner. Our school dinners are excellent value and quality and we want to work with parents to make sure they meet the tastes and needs of all of the children. **More information will follow**

**Attendance and punctuality** In order to support working families and to improve attendance we now have a locked fridge in school. This means that with permission we can supervise the children taking antibiotics, Calpol and other medications. More information is at [www.oliprimary.co.uk/parents-info/sickness-medication](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk/parents-info/sickness-medication)

## Staff Updates

**Mrs. Stalker's twins** arrived safely if somewhat early on Christmas Eve and I am glad to report that mum and babies Ava and Jasmine are doing well.

**Miss Hughes and Miss Whittaker** have also safely delivered their baby boys. Babies Harri and Freddie are doing really well and have already visited school with their mum's to see the children.

**We would like to welcome** Miss Offill who is teaching in foundation stage and Miss Cargill, who is working in the 2 year old room with Mrs Harris and Miss Spellman. We would like to welcome them all to the school family.

**Term Dates for this year** are available on the School Website [www.oliprimary.co.uk](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk).

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM

*Monday 18<sup>TH</sup> Feb to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb*

### Easter Holidays

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

**Everton Kids Holiday Club will be available throughout the February half term. Please contact Laura on 07799 062730 for more details and for advance booking.**

**Have you downloaded the school APP?**

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## Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

### Year 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

If you have any questions about your child's curriculum this term, please make an appointment with their class teacher.

Class teachers are available at the end of each day by prior arrangement.

Our curriculum maps are available on our school website which can be found at: [www.oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps)



Children investigating the digestive system.

### **In Mathematics our focus is...**

**Multiplication and Division** By the end of year 4, the children are expected to know all times tables up to 12x12. In the summer term, Year 4 children will take part in the first national pilot times tables test. In school, we are having weekly tests and speed tests to secure these facts. Can you please ensure your child is regularly practicing their times tables at home.

**Fractions** You could explore practical fraction problems when cooking or cutting up pizzas or pies –Equivalent fractions can be practiced by 1/3 being the same as 2/6 or 2/8 the same as 1/4 etc.

**Time** Year 4 sees the introduction of the 24 hour clock so showing children the time on phones, microwaves, computers and TVs will be a great start.

### **Our English focus this term is...**

**Play Scripts** We have used our visit to the Pantomime as a stimulus for play scripts, so if you know anyone who is part of a drama club, a look at their scripts will be a great help.

### **Formal and informal Persuasive Writing**

**(letters and adverts)** Look at magazines and newspapers and see if there are any particular phrases or words which are used to try to persuade people to do or buy something.

**Stories with an Imaginary Settings** If you're a fan of 'Star Wars' or any story set in an imaginary place, then discuss the setting and try to use adjectives to describe it- you could make it a 2A or 4A sentence by changing a simple sentence from 'A golden landscape' to 'A smooth, golden landscape' (2A) to 'A smooth, golden landscape with tall, rocky hills' (4A).



Children reading examples of play scripts.

### **Our Topics this term are**

#### **Why is London Such a Cool Place to Live?**

Have you ever been to London? If so, talk to the children about it and if you haven't you could do some research or visit a travel agents or Tourist Information Centre for leaflets. We have already begun to look at maps of the British Isles so your child can describe where the UK is located before focusing on London as a major settlement and the physical characteristics of our capital city.

#### **The Vikings and The Anglo Saxon Struggle.**

The children could research some interesting names like Eric Bloodaxe and Ethelred the Unready to prepare for this topic!

#### **In Science we are looking at...**

**Animals including Humans** We have begun to look at dental hygiene in our science lessons. Perhaps the children could visit their dentist and talk about how to look after their teeth.

**Electricity** Chat about the hazards of electricity and visit this site as a great introduction to circuits and conductors [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8\\_9/circuits\\_conductors\\_fs.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8_9/circuits_conductors_fs.shtml)

**Homework in Year 3 & 4:** Your child has already received a copy of the spellings and times tables for each week in this half term. However, if you need access to another copy, you can find it on our school website. For homework, your child must practice the week's spellings and times tables for a test every Friday. Your child must also be encouraged to read at home each night and return their reading record to school every day. There are class incentives for reading homework.

### **How can I help my child this term?**

#### **Here are a couple of ideas...**

- Read at home every night.
- Practice times tables.
- Learn our weekly spellings.
- Bring a water bottle to school.
- Ensure your child has the correct school uniform and PE kit.

### **Swimming Lessons**

This term we are having swimming lessons at Everton Park Sports Centre. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit (boys: tight swimming shorts and a towel. Girls: one piece swimming costume, swimming cap and a towel), one healthy snack and drink.

### **Extra-Curricular PE**

If your child has been chosen to take part in extracurricular PE activities this term, they will be on the following days:

Monday – Gymnastics, 3:20 – 4:30pm

Wednesday – Judo, 8:00 – 9:00am.

### **Pen License**

This term, we are hoping to give out pen licenses for children who :

- Form ascenders and descenders correctly.
- Handwriting is on the line.
- Use the correct joins for all letters.
- Consistently follow our cursive handwriting scheme across all of their work.

For those children who haven't quite made it, we will be introducing a handwriting club to help.

