

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 12th -15th 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

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.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 18TH Feb to Friday 22nd Feb

Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April to Monday 22nd 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.

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Year 2 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

How can I help my child this term?

Here are a couple of ideas...

- Make sure your child reads with a family member regularly and that they bring their signed reading record and folder to school each day.
- Remember to bring PE kit to school every week, we have PE sessions this term on Tuesday and dance on Thursday.
- Practice our pre cursive letters at home with your child, these will be sent home with your child.
- Help your child with their homework. Make it a routine so that your child is used to doing the homework at a particular time or a particular day. This helps with reading as well.

In Mathematics our focus is Multiplication and Division

We will be practising the 2, 5, 10 times tables. We shall send them home for you to practise with your child. It would be helpful for you to also help them write the calculations down.

Internet Safety Day February 5th 2019
Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet. As a school The Digital Leaders will be holding a poster competition with some brilliant prizes to be won. The posters will be used to promote safer internet use around the school. The children will take part in engaging lessons and activities linked to showing respect on line.

How to get a pen license in KS1

Mrs Sergeant is really impressed with the children's handwriting and after looking at the children's work is happy for the children to have a pen license in KS1. Certain criteria has been set by the teachers but it is a privilege to gain your pen license. If your child receives a pen license please celebrate this achievement with them.

The criteria includes:

- writing cursorily
- writing on the line, using finger spaces
- Correctly formed letters with ascenders and descenders.

Each year the children are re-assessed to work towards a pen license using the criteria of the different year groups.

Reading.

We encourage all our children to read for pleasure every day. This lets the children experience a wide variety of texts including non-fiction, play scripts and fiction. There is strong evidence linking reading for pleasure and educational outcomes. We know that academic attainment is of vital importance, but the benefits of reading for pleasure go beyond this and stretch throughout your child's life. The outcomes of reading will occur more often and more strongly if reading is enjoyable in the first instance. This is why the 'for pleasure' element of reading for pleasure is so important.



Our Geography Topic is Where do the leaves go in winter?

Please help your child to identify the weather when they come to school or go for a walk. We will be looking at weather patterns within the UK and comparing the weather in different continents such as The North Pole and The Equator. If it is possible ask your children to do a daily weather report and watch weather bulletins on TV. The children will really engage with this topic and we plan to SKYPE other schools around the country and talk to them about their weather to see the difference of weather throughout the UK.

“Did you know that we have Music sessions every Wednesday in year 2”

In Science we are looking at animals including humans.

Our science work for this term is focusing on Animals including humans.

We are learning about their offspring and how they grow into adults.

We will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).

We will describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

