

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 22ndFeb

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 6 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



Circle time & Well-being in Year 6

How can I help my child this term?

Here are a couple of ideas...

- *We are beginning to see the value in home reading and are pleased to see how many of our pupils' skills of comprehension, and scores in tests, have significantly increased. We ask parents to encourage their children to read each night for 15 minutes as this can really make a difference.*
- *Can you please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school each week.*
- We know that year six can be a very challenging year and we ask parents to support the children by ensuring they get enough sleep, to help them cope with a very demanding curriculum.
- **Websites/Apps:**
 - Help your child to learn their times tables and practice basic skills in maths: **Hit the Button**
 - To help with GPS revisions, in preparation for key stage two SAT's: **Killer SAT Grammar**

Booster Classes: This year is extremely important for our current year six classes as they face end of key stage SAT tests. Based on last year's tests it is clear they will be very challenging. Therefore, preparation booster sessions are held every Wednesday for all children in Year 6, from 3.00 – 4.00pm. We would encourage all children to attend as this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to work intensively with a teacher in very small groups. The sessions allow pupils to prepare for their end of Key Stage Two assessment tasks in May, in a supportive environment.

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 on offer. The posters will help to promote safer internet use around school. The children will take part in engaging lessons and activities designed to encourage us to show respect online.

In Mathematics our focus is...

We will be studying a number of mathematical areas this term. At present we are looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then move onto negative numbers and solving multi-step problems. After half term our focus will fall on BIDMAS, reading and writing co-ordinates + translation; finally for this term, onto area and perimeter of a range of regular and irregular shapes.

Our English focus this term is...

In English we will be working on a number of different genres this term. We will continue to revise many areas of grammar and punctuation. We will also develop our descriptive skills when we write descriptive narrative around a range of settings. We are currently looking at formal letters, giving the children a solid understanding of the key features of a letter; and writing their own independent letter of complaint. You can help your child by showing and discussing formal letters when we might receive them.



Water cycle investigation

In Geography we are looking at

Our current geography topic is *The Water Cycle*. The children will have the opportunity to learn about the different phases of the water cycle, including the scientific process of evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We will also carry out an investigation to allow pupils to physically see the different stages of the cycle. They will also gain a deeper understanding of the key vocabulary associated with the water cycle.

In Science we are looking at

The science topic we are studying at present is *Animals including Humans*. This gives us an opportunity to focus on how lifestyle choices can affect personal health. We will also examine the circulatory system in humans. To support your child's learning it would be helpful if you could discuss different lifestyle choices to ensure a healthy lifestyle.

Homework in year 6

We are very pleased with the children who consistently return Homework each week. We feel it is an important task that reinforces the children's understanding from their learning in class. To remind parents, all Year 6 pupils receive one piece on a Monday, which we ask to be in the following day to review in class and the same on a Tuesday, to be completed and returned on Wednesday.

