

## 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.**

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## Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

### Year 5 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)



Using paints to replicate the sarcophagus of Tutankhamun!

## How can I help my child this term?

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

- Times tables continue to be an important focus for us in year 5. Children are expected to finish this school year with fluency up to the 12 times tables. You can help your child by practicing at home, here's a link to a good website!  
<https://www.transum.org/Software/Tablesmaster/>
- Please ensure your child is reading at home, ask staff for a book recommendation! Their reading record must come into school each day.
- Weekly spellings are given out ahead of a test each Friday. The words chosen are linked to the work we'll be doing in class, so helping your child to practice would be very beneficial.
- Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is brought into school on Fridays for dance, as well as Mondays if they attend gymnastics after school.

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*Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February! Our theme will be "together for a better internet". Mrs. Bowcock will be announcing a poster competition soon!*

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### In Mathematics our focus is...

To begin to explore fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will continue to use our new Singapore Maths scheme to understand fractions in more depth, including adding, ordering and simplifying them. This work will link to arithmetic and reasoning activities surrounding decimals and percentages. Could your child recognize fractions, decimals and percentages in our day-to-day lives? Seeing the child make excellent progress in their numeracy skills so far this year has been a pleasure, they have a lot to be proud of!

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

To write recounts in a first-person narrative, using our trip to the University of Liverpool as an inspiration. After that, we will be using our geography work on rainforests as a basis upon which to write persuasive pieces. The term will finish with a focus on performance poetry, using the sights and culture of the city of Liverpool as our inspiration.



Dissecting flowers to look at the reproduction of plants!  
**In Geography we are looking at the rainforests of the world.**

Children will be looking at the location, physical geography and climate of the world's rainforests. We'll be looking into the ethical and moral issues surrounding rainforests too, as we look at the ongoing issue of deforestation and fair trade. You and your child could prepare for this by looking at some relevant videos beforehand, see

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zfp34wx>

**In Science we are looking at living things and their habitats.**

During this term, children will be looking at the diversity of the animal kingdom and where animals live. This continues on from our work on animals including humans in which we looked at life cycles.

We will explore food chains and food webs, as well as some aspects of natural selection.

We will look at reproduction in plants and animals, including metamorphosis!

### Homework in year 5

All homework is sent out on a Monday and must be completed by Friday. The focus for homework varies week by week, though children only receive homework as a supplement to something they have already covered in class. If there are ever any queries regarding homework, please see a member of the team!

