### **Mrs Sergeant's Desk**

I would like to welcome all of our children and their families to the new school year.

The website is a valuable resource for parents with lots of information about the work that the children are doing in school. The link below will take you straight to the curriculum pages on the website.<u>www.oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum</u>

#### HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR INVITATION TO DOWNLOAD OUR NEW SCHOOL APP? You will

be receiving a text inviting you to download our new school app – Connect @ Parentapp. This app has replaced our previous app and will allow us to communicate through push notification to individual parents and both class and year groups. Events information, letters home, class pages and direct links to our school website are all features of the new app. Users of the app will be able to add term dates and events directly into their phone calendar and even report absences to the school via the online form.

Please look out for the text and follow the simple instructions to keep up to date with your child's school life.



#### TERM DATES

Term dates for the coming year are available on our school website and also on our new school app.

# Our Website is www.oliprimary.co.uk

#### **OCTOBER HALF TERM**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

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

**INSET DAY - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019** The school will be closed to children as staff will be taking part in training.

#### Parents Evening 12<sup>th</sup> November

More information will follow with appointment times after half term. Parents will be able to meet your child's class teacher and discuss their targets for the year.



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### Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 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.



Children classifying materials according to their properties.

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

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

- Help your child to learn the times tables up to 12x12. Download the free app 'Times Table Rock Stars' or go online to <u>https://www.transum.org/Software/Tablesma</u> ster/ to help.
- Can you read with your child for 5 minutes each night and sign their reading records?
- Do you know any facts or have any photographs or books linked to any of our exciting topics mentioned on this newsletter that your child could bring in and share?
- Please make sure they have their PE kit in school every week. We have PE with qualified sports coach on a Monday and Dance on a Friday with Miss Boyd.

## Our Geography Topic this term is all about Natural Resources.

After half term, we will be looking at key aspects of human geography including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Can you help your child by accessing world geography games online and talk about the natural resources we have in Liverpool such as wind farms and local food produce.

We will be celebrating Black History week on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Do you have any interesting facts or knowledge to share?

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

This term the children will explore place value of digits up to 1, 000,000 and addition and subtraction. We have a strong focus on children explaining their mathematical reasoning. You could support your children by talking to them about the methods they have looked at in class and even ask them to read and write high value numbers linked to money.

# Our history topic this term is all about ancient Egypt

This half term we are learning about ancient Egypt including special artefacts, famous pharaohs, the pyramids and much more. There are some fantastic websites for research at home including <u>www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk</u> and <u>www.historyforkids.net</u> to support your child's learning.



Gymnastics with our sports coach

#### In English we are looking at quality texts

This term we will be using the quality texts: Egyptology and Tom's Midnight Garden to improve and support your child's writing. We will cover a range of writing styles including: newspaper reports, non-chronological reports, poetry and story writing.

# In Science we are looking at Materials and their Properties.

This term we will be looking at the properties of materials we have around us and why we use materials for certain things e.g. why we use rubber for the soles of our shoes etc. We will also look at reversible and irreversible changes such water turning to ice and back again. Can you look at other reversible changes at home such as melting candle wax or chocolate? Talk about burning paper or wood and can these changes be reversed?

#### **Homework in Year 5**

We give homework out every Monday to be returned by Wednesday. Your child already has their spelling chart for the first half term and spelling tests take place every Friday morning.