

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

February 2020

Curriculum News

Online Safety Quality Mark



The school has been successful in achieving the online safety quality mark for another 3 years and our digital leaders were seen as strength of the school.

Online safety is becoming a big issue for all of us. Mrs Bowcock has a lot of information to support parents with E-Safety on the school website <https://oliprimary.co.uk/parents-info/child-protection/> Why not have a look !

Thank you from "The Nest" in Kenya

Last term parents kindly donated old summer dresses to "The Nest" Orphanage in Kenya. One of our chosen charities.



They were delivered to the children over Christmas and it's lovely to see the impact that your donations have had for the girls. The smiles say it all.

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books" Roald Dahl.

Learning to read is one of the most important things your child will do in school. When you read with them at home you are helping children to practice their skills and become confident readers. Try and make time to listen to your child read tonight?

INSET DAY – Friday 14th Feb 2020

School will be closed for children

All dates for the academic year can be found on the school website and the school PA connect app. Ask in the office for more information about accessing the App



What is our curriculum intent?

Last term Mrs. Roberts and Miss Gallagher have been asking the children, parents, staff and governors an important question.

"What do you want children to know and be able to do by the time they leave our school in year 6?"

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our survey. It has helped us to identify what is important to you all so that we can plan our curriculum to meet the needs of the children and school community.

We will be publishing our curriculum intent statement

Our Spring Curriculum in Early Years

Literacy

Our book focus this term is 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have been fully immersed into the book through a range of fun and stimulating activities. The children have had the opportunity to write for a variety of purposes such as making a list, writing, making lost posters and a class nonfiction book about penguins.



To support your child's reading development at home you can continue to read every night with your child encouraging them to sound out unfamiliar as well as practicing reading the tricky words. You can also encourage your child to write for meaningful purposes e.g. writing birthday cards, shopping lists etc. When writing encourage your child to write the sounds they can hear as they appear in words.

Mathematics

This term we have been learning about a number a week and looking at the different ways we can represent each number. Each week your child will receive a piece of homework sharing with you the ways we have explored the number during the week. Please talk about the different representations on the numeral with your child and explore any other ways your child can represent the number. You can record your child's thoughts and ideas in their home school communication book.

Understanding the World.

This term the children have become researchers, by finding information about the polar regions and the different species of penguins. Ask your child about the information they have found out. Can they remember the size of an emperor penguin?

Expressive Arts and Design

During our learning on the books 'Lost and Found' the children made the characters from the story, constructed Igloos in the block area as well as comparing cold and hot places.

Outdoor Play

The outdoor environment is an important part of the curriculum as they weather improves the children will be spending more time learning outdoors. Please can you ensure your child has a pair of Wellington boots in school.

RE

Our Come and See topic we have covered this term was 'Celebrating'. The children enjoyed talking about the celebrations they have taken part in with their friends. Our next RE topics are Gathering and Growing.



Keep an eye on our school Twitter account - @oli_primary - for updates on our new exciting topic after half term!



For more information on our curriculum – please visit our website, www.oliprimary.co.uk for our curriculum maps.