

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Year 2

**ENGLISH** - This half term the children have loved exploring our class text 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. Together we have summarized the text to learn about characters, settings and plots within each chapter. The children particularly enjoyed creating character profiles and becoming these characters during role play activities. Next half term our new text will be 'The Hunter' by Paul Geraghty. This is a wonderful story that shares the journey of a little girl in Africa as she befriends and supports wild animals. The children will be exploring and comparing their own life in the UK with that of the character in the story. This book also links brilliantly with our new Geography topic so at home you may find it useful to have a look at some stories from other cultures as well as learn some new facts using websites like- [Storylineonline.com](http://Storylineonline.com)

[www.Worldwidegeographygames.com](http://www.Worldwidegeographygames.com)

[www.Nationalgeographickids.com](http://www.Nationalgeographickids.com)

**MATHEMATICS** - This half term the children have secured their knowledge within multiplication and division. They have worked really hard to understand the link between these using practical apparatus as well as being able to record calculations and solve word problems.

Next half term we will be focusing on Measurement which starts with length and then explores capacity and mass. At home you can encourage your children to share and explore these skills by; measuring items using rulers and tape measures, weighing food before cooking, pouring their own drinks to specific measurements

A great interactive website you may want to use is- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

**SCIENCE** Throughout the next half term we will be looking at Plants which involves how seeds and bulbs grow as well as what all plants need in order to survive. To continue this learning at home you may want to look for signs of Spring when spending time outdoors and ask questions like- What type of plants grow in our garden? What flowers can you see sprouting? Do you know the difference between a seed and a bulb?

[www.bbcbitessize.co.uk](http://www.bbcbitessize.co.uk) is a great website with videos and interactive games to explore.

**RE** - The children have learned lots of new knowledge about the books we use at home and school and how important the special book 'The Bible' is within church. Next half term we will be exploring the special time of Lent which focuses on the theme of opportunities and how children have many new and exciting opportunities within each day.

## OUR WIDER CURRICULUM FOCUS

**Geography**- Coming up next half term is our topic based on 'The Nest' in Africa. The children will learn all about what life is like for children who live there in comparison to their own life here. To help your children at home you could maybe research facts about Kenya and where it is situated in the continent of Africa.

**DT**- The children have really enjoyed designing and making their own hand puppet which has tested many of their fine motor and perseverance skills. We think they have done a fantastic job.

**Art** - During this topic, children will be exploring how different materials and fabrics can be changed by using dyes. They will be experimenting with tie-dye patterns and techniques to create their own t-shirt which will also link to our African topic as this is a popular clothing pattern within the African culture

*For more information about our curriculum please see our curriculum maps on school website. [www.oliprimary.co.uk](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk)*