

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.

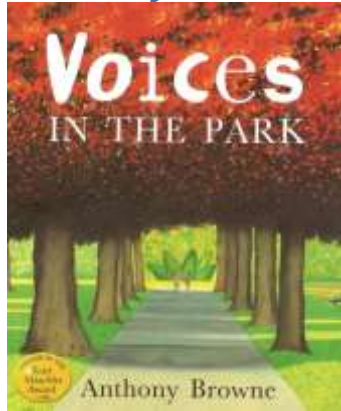
“What do you want children to know and be able to do by the time they leave our school in year 6?”

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 Year 4

Literacy – During Spring term, children will be looking at the class novels 'The Iron Man by Ted Hughes as well as



'Voices In The Park' by Anthony Browne. We will be using these texts as a focus for writing including instructions, newspapers, Clerihew poems and creative story-writing. To help your child at home, you could look at other works by Anthony Browne at www.anthonybrownebooks.com as well as look at Clerihew poems at www.poetry4kids.com.

Mathematics – During Spring term, children will be finishing their work centered on multiplication and division as well as beginning to look at a variety of graphs. You can help your child by recognising graphs and charts in everyday life. Children will also continue to work on their times tables up to 12 this term in preparation for the times tables test in June. Children are encouraged to keep using www.timestablesrockstars.co.uk to keep their skills sharp! Please see a teacher if your child has misplaced their log-in.

Science – Children will complete their science topic based on rocks & soils this half-term. There are fun activities and quizzes online at the 'rocks and minerals' page at www.dkfindout.com. After half-term, we will begin to look at plants, including parts of a flower, what plants need to survive as well as how plants reproduce. www.dkfindout.com has a wealth of information, for example their page on 'How a plant is pollinated'?

R.E – Spring term consists of three topics for lower key stage 2. These are 'Journeys', 'Listening & sharing' and 'Giving all'. We will explore the importance of this time of the liturgical year in the build-up to Lent and Easter.

OUR WIDER CURRICULUM FOCUS

History – Children will explore Ancient Greece this term, specifically the cultures and customs of the time and the impact that these have had on our lives today. To explore more, www.ancientgreece.co.uk has a variety of activities including games and timelines.

Geography – Our topic will be focusing on the Mediterranean and why it is such a popular location for people's holidays. If you're planning a holiday this summer, you could chat to your child about where you've chosen and why!

P.E – During spring term, children will focus on the indoor sports of gymnastics and athletics, with dance continuing on a Wednesday morning. Children will continue to need to bring their P.E kit into school on a Monday and leave it in school through the week, thank you for your support. Our P.E coach's after-school club will continue for the group on a Monday until we break up for Easter.

Art – Children will focus on sketching this half term, using architecture for inspiration. We have linked this to our history topic by sketching artefacts, columns and buildings from Ancient Greece.

D.T – Our topic for this term is 'Levers & linkages' in which we have create our own 'Iron Men' from Ted Hughes' book, complete with working levers!

For more information about our curriculum please see our curriculum maps on school website. www.oliprimary.co.uk