

# 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.

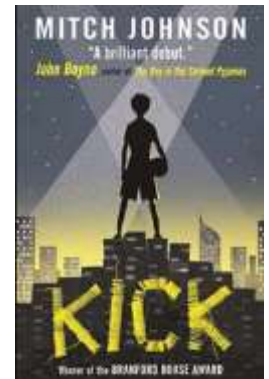
*“What do you want children to know and be able to do by the time they leave our school in year 6?”*

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 5

**ENGLISH** - This half term, we have been using the novel 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson to inspire our writing. We are currently working towards writing a persuasive argument about the rights of children working in factories in Indonesia. There are many free educational resources about this issue at [www.amnesty.org.uk/education](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/education)  
Next half term we will be using the novel, 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. We will be working toward writing stories with an Issue or Dilemma.



**MATHEMATICS** - This term we are studying topics: Fractions, Decimals, Percentages and Angles. You can support your child by ensuring they continue to practice their times tables up to 12x12. This can be done through regular chanting or testing their knowledge on Times Tables Rock Stars – [www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com)

**SCIENCE** - So far we have been learning about Living things and their Habitats. We have been learning about reproduction and the different life cycles in plants, mammals, amphibians, birds and insects. Our next topic will be: Animals including Humans and we will be describing how humans change. In preparation for this, you can talk to your child about how the human body changes from birth to adulthood.

**RE** - This term we will be looking at topics:

Mission – Children will learn about the mission of inspirational leader and our diocese.

Memorial Sacrifice – Children will about how memories are kept alive e.g. the Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive.

Sacrifice – children will learn to appreciate the cost of giving. E.g. Lent is a time of giving in preparation for the celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus.

## OUR WIDER CURRICULUM FOCUS



**History** – our current history topic is Ancient Maya where the children are studying the ancient civilization and comparing it to achievements in Britain at the time. The children will study the Mayan number and writing systems and explore how advanced these were during that time in history.

**Geography**- our next topic after February half term is mapping and field work in a local area. The children are going to be immersed into this topic by completing these objectives in the outdoor space in Lunt Meadows. We are excited that children will be able to experience the natural environment, work together and learn new skills.

**DT**- for DT year 5 created rainforest salads, including crops which grow in the Amazon. They also explored how cocoa is processed to make chocolate.

**PE** - swimming for the children is continuing through the spring term, with children learning different swimming strokes as well as water safety and survival skills. Swimming kits, including a cap, will need to be brought in on Thursdays and their school PE kit on Fridays for dance. Thank you for your continued support.

*For further information about our curriculum, please visit our website at [www.oliprimary.co.uk](http://www.oliprimary.co.uk) for our curriculum maps*