

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Information Letter – Year 6 Spring term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this letter, you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during the Autumn Term. Please continue to read/share books daily with your child. Even at 10 - 11 years old, it is really important that you listen to your child read and discuss what they have understood.

RE	<p>This term's Virtues to live by are: <i>Faith, Simplicity, Love/charity and Forgiveness</i></p> <p>This term's topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galilee to Jerusalem (focus on the gospel of St John and the sacraments) Desert to the garden (Holy week, Via Dolorosa and the Stations of the Cross)
English	<p><u>Reading:</u></p> <p>This term, in whole-class guided reading will be completing Cogheart after which we will move onto His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman. We will also be studying a beautifully illustrated version of The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde and Island by Jason Chin.</p> <p>Y6 will cover a number of curricula aims through these focus texts:</p> <p><u>Reading:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and discuss themes and conventions. Evaluate authors' language choice. Participate in discussion about books. Provide reasoned justifications for views. Build vocabulary. Ask questions to improve understanding. Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction <p><u>Writing (including spelling, grammar and punctuation)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use expanded noun phrases to concisely convey complicated information. Use small details for characters to amuse, entertain or create drama. Use a wider range of cohesive devices to link ideas across paragraphs. Integrate dialogue to convey character. Integrate dialogue to advance the action. Adapt formality to suit purpose and audience. Include a summarising statement. Use passive verbs. Clarify technical vocabulary. Punctuate bullet points consistently.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiplication and Division Area and perimeter Position and direction Fractions and percentages
Science	<p>Electrical Circuits</p> <p>The children will learn about electrical circuits, their components and how they function. They recognise how the voltage of cells affects the output of a circuit and record circuits using standard symbols. It also teaches children about programmable devices, sensors and monitoring.</p>

Computing	<p>This Y6 project organises Barefoot Computing at School lessons and resources to teach children about the use of technology including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to stay safe online and more advanced programming skills. • Evaluating digital content • Scratch, algorithms and debugging • Programming
PE & Sports	Spring 1: Dance. Spring 2: Rounders
MFL	Le Weekend - what do you like to do at the weekend? (Continued from last term)
Geography	<p>Frozen Kingdom</p> <p>This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them. This will include: Arctic and Antarctic regions; Lines of latitude and longitude; Polar climates; Polar day and night; Polar oceans; Polar landscapes; Climate change; Natural resources; Indigenous people and Tourism.</p>
PSHE/RSHE	<p>Emotional Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn about pressures they may experience from themselves, others and the media • To learn how to build resilience through thankfulness; simple CBT techniques to manage thoughts, feelings and actions; and how to cope with new feelings such as romance and rage
Art	<p>Environmental Artists</p> <p>This project teaches children about the genre of environmental art. They study how artists create artwork that addresses social and political issues related to the natural and urban environment. Children work collaboratively to create artwork with an environmental message.</p>
D&T	<p>Inuit</p> <p>This project teaches children about the genre of environmental art. They study how artists create artwork that addresses social and political issues related to the natural and urban environment. Children work collaboratively to create artwork with an environmental message.</p>
Helping your child	Children need to read every evening and they have created their own reading records to monitor this. It is advisable that your child also regularly practises their number facts so that they have rapid recall of multiplication/ division facts, prime and composite numbers, square and cube numbers. It is recommended that all pupils have a sound knowledge of year 6 mathematical vocabulary so encouraging your child to practise would be a valuable support to your child's learning.
Homework	Please encourage your child to take responsibility for remembering to complete and hand-in their homework on the due dates as this will prepare them for their transition to secondary school.

If you have any questions, please telephone or email the school office and we will make arrangements to contact you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Catchpole