



Secrets To Success Award

2023-2024



Name:

At Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School we want all children to be successful and reflective learners. We are using the work of renowned educator Chris Quigley, who has identified key principles for children to follow and called them the 'Secrets of Success'. The introduction of the Secret to Success Award will help our children in their academic and personal development, in preparation for life as successful adults. These secrets will underpin our school expectations, our curriculum and the core skills that are taught to our children every day. Each half term we focus on a new secret which is linked to a Christian Value in line with our Christian ethos. To support this we would like you to complete a different challenge each half term.





Autumn 1

Understanding Others

At Overleigh St Mary's [we understand others](#)

No one has experienced success by thinking about themselves. Successful people understand others. The curriculum needs to help children to realise that collaboration is what the real world is about.

For this challenge we would like you to interview a member of your family, a neighbour or a member of your community. You can write about your interview or video it. Please send in photographs of your interview.



Autumn 2



Try New Things

At Overleigh St Mary's we try new things

If children are willing to try new things, they may just find something they are good at. Even better than this, they may find something that they love doing. Most successful people love what they do.

For this challenge we would like you to try **4** new things. It might be trying a new food, activity or experience. Write down below what you have tried and send in any photographs to us.



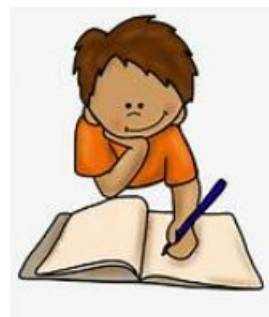
Spring 1

Don't Give Up

At Overleigh St Mary's we don't give up

The curriculum needs a certain degree of danger and risk if children are to experience the real world. They need opportunities to fail in a safe environment and learn to have another go.

For this challenge we would like you to think of a skill that you currently find difficult (for example riding a bike, learning to swim, spelling a certain word, a times table) and work hard over the term to master this skill. When you have succeeded please send us a photograph and tell us about the skill you have mastered.



Spring 2

Imagine



At Overleigh St Mary's ***we imagine***

Successful people have ideas. They use their imagination and are prepared to be wrong. The curriculum needs lots of opportunities for children to use their imagination.

For this challenge we would like you to invent/design a machine. You might like to design a machine that would help look after our environment. Please share your ideas with us. We can't wait to see them!



Summer 1



Work Hard

At Overleigh St Mary's **we work hard**

Although it may seem attractive to design a curriculum that is fun for children, it is also important to plan activities that will make children work hard. No real success comes without hard work.

We want all children to be 'Agents of Change.' For this challenge we would like you to 'pay it forward' with one act of kindness. Can you make a difference to someone's life? Please let us know what you have done.



Summer 2

Push Ourselves



At Overleigh St Mary's we push ourselves

Successful people need to push themselves. A great curriculum needs to push children and teach them about the need to push themselves. Of course, it is much easier to push yourself if you see the point to what you are doing. That is why the curriculum needs to be engaging and relevant for children.

For this challenge we would like you to read books on a theme that interests you (e.g. dinosaurs or space adventures). Then we would like you to record 2 new facts that you have learnt and tell us if you would recommend the books. See if you can find an unusual place to read and send us a photograph.

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