

ST. MARY'S CE SCHOOL, PUTNEY
YEAR 2 BRIEFING LETTER TO PARENTS -JANUARY 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back - we hope you all had a fun and relaxing Christmas and Father Christmas was good to you! Many, many thanks for your kind Christmas cards and gifts, we are truly touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

We have another enjoyable and busy term ahead of us. The programmes of study for this half term are as follows:

Maths

Number- multiplication and division: Solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts. Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
Statistics - Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. Ask and answer simple questions by counting the number of objects in each category and sorting the categories by quantity. Ask and answer questions about totalling and comparing categorical data
Measurement-length and height: Choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels. Compare and order lengths, mass, volume/ capacity and record the results using $>$, $<$ and $=$. Solve problems with addition and subtraction: using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures

English

Fiction: Traditional stories: stories from other cultures; stories with predictable and patterned language. Power of Reading work this half term will be based around the author Dick King-Smith and we shall be reading "The Hodgeheg" and "George Speaks". Non-fiction: Dictionaries, glossaries, indexes and other alphabetically ordered texts.

Religious Education

Our topic for this half-term is the **Why are Saints Important to Christianity?** In this topic we shall be learning about the lives of some saints, exploring their special qualities and thinking about how these can be important in our own lives.

Science

Our Science topic will be **The Earth - Our Home** in which we shall learn about animal and plant habitats and discover how plants and animals are adapted to their environments. We have booked an exciting trip to Kew Gardens for Tuesday 11th February where we shall have a guided tour of the plant environments. Thank you to those that have volunteered for this trip to support the children's learning. Please contact Mrs Livingstone to confirm that you are still able to attend. All volunteers need to have completed the volunteers induction workshop and have a Wandsworth DBS. FYI the next Parent Volunteer Induction workshop is on Tuesday 14th January 2-3pm (please sign up in the office).

Computing: Technology-Cameras: We are learning to discuss what a camera is and how it works, take a good photo, save and organise photos, edit a photo and present our photos

PSHE: Dreams and Goals! This topic focuses primarily on the key aspect of motivation and self-awareness: stay motivated when doing something challenging, keep trying even when it is difficult, work well with a partner or in a group, learn with others, have a positive attitude, help others to achieve their goals, work hard to achieve their own dreams and goals and celebrate our achievements.

Art: Mrs Adams will continue to teach Art with Year 2 this term focusing on art related techniques based on our topic Habitats

PE: Year 2 will be participating in PE lessons on a Monday and Tuesday with Mr Naughton. This half term's activity will be gymnastics. Pupils will focus on maintaining balance while moving along apparatus and perform basic jumps. In addition the class will practice a variety of rolls and balancing on different body parts. Skills will be linked into basic sequences and applied through a range of co-operative games.

Music: Music will be taught by Mrs Le Prevost. Linking in with our class topic of **The Earth, Our Home**, we will be exploring timbre and texture to understand how sounds can be descriptive using our natural environment as inspiration. We will be creating, performing and evaluating descriptive instrumental music inspired by British myths and legends in different environments, e.g. in lakes, mountains and forests.

Final Comments: Y2 Home Learning routines will take place as follows: Dictation, Handwriting, Child of the Week to be sent home every **FRIDAY**. All home learning to be returned on WEDNESDAY (except Child of the Week which is due in on Monday). Please remind children that home learning should be completed in pencil and *named*. The half termly topic home learning was given to the children before Christmas and is due in by Friday 17th January. Reading books will continue to be changed every Thursday if it has been requested in the Reading Journals.

Our topic 'Exit Point' (open classroom), will take place Thursday 13th February at 9.10 a.m. All parents and carers are welcome.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us in person or via email. Once again a huge thanks for all your support and encouragement with your child.

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