

**ST. MARY'S CE SCHOOL, PUTNEY**  
**YEAR 2 BRIEFING LETTER TO PARENTS-FEBRUARY 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back - Last Half Term seems a lifetime away after having such amazing Bi-Centennial celebrations last week. We hope you are ready for another exciting and busy half term ahead. The programmes of study for this half term are as follows:

### **Maths**

Our programme includes: counting, properties of numbers and number sequences; place value, ordering, estimating, rounding; understanding + and -; mental calculation strategies of multiplication and division; money and 'real life' problems; making decisions, checking results; fractions; measures and time, including problems; handling data.

### **English**

Our Power of Reading book will be *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon. We will continue to look at non-fiction: dictionaries, glossaries, indexes and other alphabetically ordered texts.

### **RE**

Our first topic, *What are God's rules for living?*, helps us to find out about the Ten Commandments and what they teach us about God and the way to live. Our Easter topic is called *How do Easter symbols help us to understand Easter's true meaning?* and explores the significance to Christians of the many Easter symbols, focusing on the symbols of the cross and of water.

### **TOPIC**

Our topic this half term will be 'The Great Fire of London.' A local visit to a bakery will take place Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to start the topic (still awaiting confirmation). A trip to The Museum of London and St Paul's Cathedral has been planned for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to accompany us on either trip (those parents with DBS checks who have attended an Induction meeting), please do contact us. Next Volunteers Induction Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm

**PE** -Year 2 shall be continuing to cover gymnastics with Ms McCrone on Tuesday afternoons. The goal for the children is to be able to link their various skills together to create short sequences, both alone and with a partner and introduction of cartwheels and headstands. On Monday mornings Year 2 shall continue to work on their multi-skills but also start to learn more advance 'games' skills with Mr Naughton, covering; hand to eye coordination, sending and receiving a variety of sized balls, using both netball and football based techniques. They shall take these skills learned and develop them into small group game situations, which requires; team work, special awareness and sportsmanship. Y2 shall also be taking part in Yoga with Ms McCrone on alternate Tuesdays. The aim of the session is to bring a sense of mindfulness, confidence, focus, strengthening (both mentally and physically to build resilience) and of course fun in a non-competitive environment.

**PHSE** - Healthy Me!: The children will be making some healthy snacks and explaining why they are good for their bodies. They will be expressing how it feels to share healthy food with friends.

**Music** is taught by Mrs Le Provost. This half term the focus is 'Storytime' which we will link in with their class topic of the Fire of London. The children will be introduced to famous pieces of music to stimulate composition, and interpret a storyboard with musical sound effects and develop their own ideas using voices and percussion. This will culminate in creating a class story using sound and exploring the different musical elements to make their storytelling effective.

**Art** will be taught by Mrs Forsyth. In the art-room this half-term we will create observational still life studies drawings and paintings of a variety of seasonal flowers and vegetation. Year 2 will learn to use cool colours in their work. We will draw/look at the work of artists across the centuries: Judith Leyster (17th); Jan van Huysum (18th); Henri Fantin-Latour (19th); Andy Warhol (20th); Gillian Ayres (21st). As the first half of the summer term is short we will start planning and preparing our canvases for the FOSMS Summer Art Exhibition.



**Computing** - We shall continue to develop our computing skills including becoming more familiar with Word and PowerPoint and working on our touch-typing skills.

### Home Learning

Please remind children that home learning should be completed in pencil to the best of their ability, returned on the right day and named where applicable. It is important that your child hands in their work ready to be marked. We do not unpack their folders so each child takes responsibility for taking out their own work, letters etc. All weekly home learning is given out on Fridays as follows: 'Child of the Week' to be completed and handed in by Monday. Handwriting, Dictation and Maths should be completed by the following Wednesday. Remember the dictation sentences are always a week behind the spelling patterns. Spellings tests will take place on Wednesdays and times tables tests will continue each Thursday.

As part of our work on The Great Fire of London, we would like your child to visit and/or research The Monument in London and present this to the class on one side of A4 by Friday 22nd March.

Book change takes place on Tuesdays but please continue to read to and listen to your child read as often as possible, from a wide range of material.

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

Mrs Wendy Livingstone & Tina Thomas

Year 2 Class Teachers

