

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

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back - I 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:

Unit 8: Length and Height- Measuring in cm's and m's, comparing lengths, ordering lengths and solving worded problems-length.

Unit 9 Geometry -properties of shape -Recognising 2D and 3D shapes, drawing 2D shapes, counting sides of 2D shapes, counting vertices on 2D shapes, finding lines of symmetry, sorting 2D shapes. making patterns with 2D shapes, counting faces, vertices and edges of 3D shapes, making patterns with 3D shapes

Unit 10 Number-Fractions: Introducing whole and parts, making equal parts, recognising and finding $\frac{1}{2}$, recognising and finding $\frac{1}{4}$, unit fractions, understanding other fractions, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$, understanding a whole and parts, counting in halves and quarters.

English

Our Power of Reading book will be *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon. We will use this text to provide a stimulus for a range of writing including: recounts, letters, information, poetry, instructions and explanations. Handwriting we will be focusing on tricky letter joins (z,x,f,v,r,k), pencil grip, the formation of lower-case letters of the correct size using diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters. Spellings we will focus on alternative diagraph spellings (er, oi, ou, or and ey) and the tricky words.

In grammar we will be practising using commas in lists, prefixes and suffixes, apostrophes for possession and exclamations.

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Our first topic, *What do Christians Believe God is Like?*, is based on the parable of The Prodigal Son. The topic explores how Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving; for example, by saying sorry; by seeing God as welcoming them back; by forgiving others.

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-History

Our topic this half term will be 'The Great Fire of London,' once we have finished The Earth Our Home this week. A local visit to a bakery will take place to start the topic (still awaiting confirmation) and a trip to The Museum of London has been planned for 25th 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.

PE -Year 2 shall be continuing their PE lessons with Mr Naughton on Monday and Tuesdays. They shall continue to work on ball skills covering; hand to eye coordination, sending and receiving a variety of sized balls, using both netball/basketball based techniques. They shall take these skills learned and develop them into small group game situations. Requiring, team work, special awareness and sportsmanship.

PSHE - 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 Adams. **Year 2** will use Jan Griffier's images of the Fire of London as inspiration for a printing project. They will explore marbling and raised block printing .



Computing - We shall continue to develop our computing skills including becoming more familiar with Word and PowerPoint and working on our touch-typing skills. We will use 'Scratch' to design and program a character.

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 and Dictation 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 Fridays and Mental Maths 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 St Paul's Cathedral and think about how they are linked to the Fire of London. Children to present this to the class on one side of A4 by Friday 20th March.

Book change takes place on Thursdays but please continue to read to and listen to your child read as often as possible, from a wide range of material. Some folders are damaged and books are getting lost. I would be grateful if such folders could be replaced.

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

Mrs Wendy Livingstone

Year 2 Class Teacher

