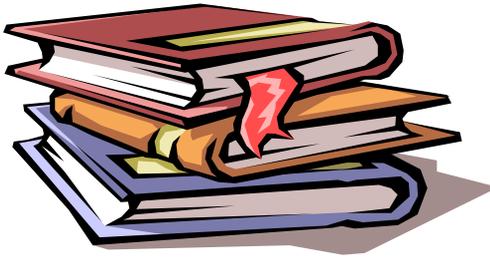


ST. MARY'S CE SCHOOL, PUTNEY  
YEAR 2 BRIEFING LETTER TO PARENTS

April 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back - we hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and feel ready to begin the Summer Term.

The programmes of study for this half term are as follows:

### **Maths**

Counting, properties of numbers and number sequences. Place value, ordering, estimating, rounding. Understanding + and - and mental calculation strategies. Money and real-life problems and measures. Shape and space, reasoning about shapes.

### **English**

Our Power of Reading book will be *Ten Things I Can Do to Help My World* by Melanie Walsh. Reading comprehension, handwriting, punctuation rules, writing information including non-chronological reports will also be covered.

### **Our World**

Over this half term our topic will be Our World - a theme which focuses on 'The environment', particularly exploring our local environment and finding out about its animals, plants and birds, the best soil conditions to grow seeds, recycling and reusing materials, designing model gardens and designing and making bird feeders. We shall be launching this topic with a treasure hunt on 19<sup>th</sup> April and we shall be visiting Wandsworth Recycling Centre on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Our Exit Point will take place after the half term break so details will be sent out in the next Parents' Letter. We have also organised a trip to the Wetland Centre (more details to follow).

### **RE**

Our topic for this half-term is the **What Responsibility Has God Given People for Taking Care of Creation?** In this topic we shall be exploring the bible story of Creation and reflecting upon how it affects the way we look and think about the world and how we should care for it.

### **Computing**

We shall continue our work on *Word* skills, designing posters and improving our touch-typing skills.

### **Music**

Tying in with our class topic of Our World, we will be looking at the seasons and use this theme to develop an understanding of pitch through movement, songs and listening games. The children will become familiar with pitch shapes and learn how to perform them in a variety of musical arrangements. Leading on from seasons, we will use our weather to inspire us to create descriptive sounds and word rhythms using raps and songs. This will lead to creating a descriptive class composition.

## **Art**

As usual the programme for the first half of the summer term has been set by the art team from FOSMS and this year we will be creating work on the exciting theme of 'Cool Britannia!' A number of children have researched the theme over the Easter break; others are starting this week- simple ideas often work best. The FOSMS team are organising a fantastic exhibition of the work plus workshops and refreshments on 19 May so please put the date in your diary. The theme allocated to Year 2 is 'Flags'.

## **P.E.**

Year 2 will be participating in PE lessons on a Monday and Tuesday. This half terms activity will be games. Pupils will strike a ball from a tee and develop a range of racket skills. In addition the class practice throwing overarm, moving to stop and catch a ball. Skills will be applied through a range of co-operative games.

## **P.S.H.E.**

Relationships: This theme is the second of two focusing on feelings. It explores feelings within the context of our important relationships including family and friends.

## **Home Learning Routines**

**All home Learning is given out on a Friday.** Child of the Week should be returned on Monday, Maths and Dictation should be handed in by Wednesday. On Fridays, spellings and times table tests take place. If your child forgets to bring their spelling card or times table book home on Friday, please remind them to get them from class on Monday. Reading books are changed on Thursdays unless your child is a Free Reader. We value the time you give to hearing your child read at home every day, where possible.

## **Final Comments**

We really appreciate the money you have raised in the cake sales which has enabled us to buy some lovely Easter craft materials and will be helping to fund materials for our new topic.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us in person or via the electronic PACT book.

Wishing you an excellent Summer Term

Wendy Livingstone & Tina Thomas  
Year 2 Class Teachers

