



St. Mary's C.E. Primary School, Putney

Year Four

Summer Term 2

June 2019



Dear Parents,

The final half of the Summer Term has arrived and as ever at St. Mary's your children will be busy with the many enjoyable activities and events our school offers. Some of the events to look forward to include the KS2 Disco, Summer BBQ, Sports Day, Y4 Summer Trip to Syon Park and the KS2 Production, which this year is called 'The X Factory'. All of the children in Year 4 have had an amazing year so far and we are sure this final half-term will be no exception!

This half-term the class will explore a unit of work on the theme 'Nature of Life'. This theme focuses on living things and follows on nicely from the topic on tropical rainforests. This new topic will be mostly taught through Science.

The conclusion of this topic will be marked with a sharing presentation of the year's work to parents on the afternoon of **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm**. We hope you will be able to come along and join us.

Please find below an outline of the Year 4 curriculum:

#### **English:**

We will be publishing our own books this half term! Our work will be inspired by the wonderful novel by CS Lewis - *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The children will be planning, drafting, editing, making and presenting their very own book which I hope they will leave as a 'legacy' for the next Y4 class! Grammar work this term will focus on developing understanding of main clauses and subordinate clauses, ensuring we know how to use dashes and brackets within writing and increasing our use of noun phrases. Skills in comprehension will continue to be developed through *Guided Reading* sessions. It is important that all children are listened to when reading at home to help maintain their fluency, but more importantly for you to question them and provide discussion about what they are reading.

#### **Maths:**

The areas of learning in maths to be covered are: geometry (position and direction); statistics; fractions, ratio and proportion; decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions; problem solving, reasoning and algebra; written addition and subtraction; mental addition and subtraction; written multiplication and division; and mental multiplication and division.

This half term the class will be taking part in the piloting of the Multiplication Tables Check. We know many children have spent time

really trying to improve their skills with encouraging progress made. We will let you know their individual results when they are released to us by the end of the term.

### **Science:**

For the 'Nature of Life' unit of work the children will be finding out about: plant life cycles; local food chains and webs; how living things grow and change; how living things are grouped; plant adaptations; the differences between living and non-living things.

### **RE:**

After finishing our topic on the Miracles of Jesus, our new topic for this half term is on the Contemporary Anglican Church. We shall be finding out how each Church of England school is part of a parish which belongs in an Anglican Diocese and is overseen by a bishop. We shall learn about the structure and workings of the Church of England, including the role of an Anglican bishop and how the Church of England is part of an international Anglican communion, a group of national churches originally derived from the Church of England, which is part of the worldwide Christian Church. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, we shall be taking part in **Godly Play** sessions at St Mary's Church. If you are able to help us by accompanying the children to and from the church on that morning, we would be very grateful.

### **Computing:**

This half term we will be reviewing important E-Safety messages when using the internet to search for information to support our learning.

### **PSHE:**

This half-term's theme is Changing Me and focuses on the following topics: Unique Me, Having a Baby, Girls and Puberty, Circles of Change, Accepting Change and Looking Ahead to Year Five.

### **French:**

Madame Goalen will be teaching the class to understand and use expressions for different types of weather, learn the words for the seasons and talk about the summer; what is the weather like, what clothes will we wear? We shall also be consolidating the language we have learnt this term.

### **Art and Design:**

Well done to everyone for their wonderful work last term on their 'Celebrating 200 Years' canvases for the Art Exhibition. This half-term we will focus on three-dimensional work. Year 4 will design, model and decorate a clay butterfly and fabricate a small abstract sculpture from sheet materials.

### **Music:**

This half term in music we will continue with our Rainforest project and looking at creating our own Rainforest compositions using the pentatonic scale. Each week we will refine them then ultimately we will perform and record them so that we can evaluate our work. We will also be learning the songs for the end of year Key Stage 2 show, The X Factory, focusing on performance skills and good singing techniques.

### **PE:**

Year 4 will be participating in lessons on a Monday, with Ms McCrone and on a Friday with Mrs Bishop. This half of term, Year 4 shall continue spend their PE lessons learning the key principles and skills of cricket. This shall include a variety of sending/receiving techniques, batting and understanding rules of basic cricket based games. The children shall also have the chance to perfect their Sports Day skills, reinforcing their running, throwing and jumping techniques for a wide variety of events.

**PE LESSONS FOR YEAR 4 WILL TAKE PLACE TWICE A WEEK - EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON AND EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S PE KIT (AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR) IS IN SCHOOL ON MONDAY MORNING AND LABELLED CLEARLY. Please note that in Key Stage 2 your child will change into their PE kits during school time. Full school uniform must therefore be worn to school. Your child will be dismissed wearing their school uniform.**

### **YEAR 4 HOME LEARNING**

**Maths and English weekly homework will be sent out every Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.**

Each task should take on average 30 - 40 minutes.

Maths and English homework should be done in the relevant homework books taken home by your child each week. The emphasis being not just on completion, but also neatness and presentation skills! Any worksheets and additional paper should be carefully trimmed and stuck neatly into the homework books please.

Encourage your child to use all pages - do not waste space!

Spellings: Spelling cards given out at the start of each half term. Weekly spelling test on Friday.

Times Tables: Please practice regularly for a test every Monday

Reading: Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 10 minutes each evening - if possible.

Other useful dates for your diary:

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Celebration Worship
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June: Shared Holy Communion service at All Saints Church
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June (am): Godly Play at St Mary's Church
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Key Stage 2 Junior Disco
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 Trip to Syon Park

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 Exit Point for Parents/Carers 2.45pm
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Summer BBQ
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Key Stage 2 Sports Day
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Annual Reports to be sent home
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm: Key Stage 2 Performance
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am and 6pm: Key Stage 2 Performance
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Parent Assembly and last day of academic year!  
Break Up 2.30pm

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Bishop, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Ford