



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

Year 5 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 1, September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! It has been fantastic getting to know your children. Their positive and resilient attitudes have been amazing. Much has changed this year and we are quickly settling into the new normal. Thank you for your patience and compliance as we work through new procedures and routines designed to keep us all safe and in school.

I have high expectations for the children in Year 5. They will be expected to show increased independence and maturity in the way they approach their learning. The following will explain routines in Year 5, and the topics we will be covering this half term.

English: In English we will be following the 'Power of Reading' scheme which uses a text-centered approach to teaching reading and writing. This half term we are looking at *The Highwayman*, a narrative poem. We will look at descriptive language, understanding different character's points of view and writing our own poetry. We will also have weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons.

Maths: In Maths lessons we will be using the Power Maths scheme of work, which follows the mastery approach. This half term we will focus on number and place value, as well as statistics. Throughout the unit, we will be working to improve reasoning skills and fluency in order to consolidate skills. Children should be working on times table fluency at home.

RE: We will be learning about Sikhism. We will learn about Sikh beliefs, rituals and religious festivals. As the unit progresses, the children will be encouraged to find similarities to their own religions and religions that have studied in previous years.

SCIENCE: Our topic this half term is 'Look Hear!' in which we will be exploring the topic sound and light through Science, Technology and Geography. In Science we will explore how we hear sounds and see light, how the human ear and eye work, how light and sound travel, how we can change the pitch of sounds. In technology will make a string telephone and a guitar to learn how they work. In Geography will learn what sound and light pollution are, their impact on us and what we can do to minimize our footprints.

PSHE: The class will begin with the Jigsaw Recovery programme of lessons which will focus on the following: respecting personal space; respect for hygiene; belonging and feeling safe at school; reconnecting with friends; the coronavirus explained; managing worries, fears and anxieties; being positive and looking forward to learning; gratitude and appreciation; loss and bereavement. We will then move on to the topic of Being Me in My World and discusses British values and our rights and responsibilities as citizens. In light of the current global environment will also discuss social responsibilities to keep our community safe. We will explore how our choices and behaviour have an impact on others and our society.

ICT: We will focus on e-safety in our ICT lessons.

Specialist Teaching: Art, music and French will continue to be taught by specialist teachers in the Year 5 classroom. PE will be taught outside in the Year 5 playground. Children should come in on Mondays in their PE kits.

HOME LEARNING:

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday to be handed in on Wednesday (Mathletics)
English: Set on Friday to be handed in remotely on Wednesday
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday
Reading: Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening
Times Tables: Tested on Friday
Home learning will not be set during holidays

We look forward to an exciting and busy year, working in an environment where the children can develop increased confidence and independence.

Do not hesitate to contact me through the PACT system (class2015@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk) if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Courtney Rinaldi

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