

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing break and feel ready to start the second half of the Autumn term. We have an enjoyable and busy term ahead of us, particularly looking forward to our Christmas celebrations.

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

Maths:

Addition and Subtraction: Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally, including: two 2-digit numbers. Solve problems with addition and subtraction: applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures

Money: Recognise and use signs for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value. Recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes. Find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. Solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change.

Multiplication and Division: Solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts. Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers

English: Fiction: Our Power of Reading book for this half term is *The Princess and the White Bear King*. We shall be discussing themes and issues that arise in this story enabling children to make connections with their own lives, to explore and develop ideas through talk and to listen to each other's responses, to develop creative responses to the text through drama, role play and drawing, to write in role in order to explore characters and events, to reflect on their reading. Non-fiction: Instructions. Reading with confidence and understanding; oral comprehension; handwriting and spelling (common words/letter strings).

RE: We shall first conclude our learning on Hinduism, focusing on the question *What Does it Mean to Be a Hindu?* Our Christmas topic asks, *Where is the Light at Christmas?* We shall learn that light is a symbol of goodness and learn about Advent and the Advent ring, about the symbolism of light in the Christmas story and in the Christingle.

History: People of The Past

Due to an initial focus on well being at the beginning of last term, we will be continuing our History topic during Autumn 2. See previous newsletter for curriculum content.

DT & Art taught by Mrs Adams-Year 2 will develop drawing and collage skills. They will look at the work of comic book artists and create their own action figure images using a range of media.

P.E. Y2- Taught by Miss Wolkowska (Coach V). This term we shall be focusing on Football skills and games including: learning skills in practice, dribbling and using different skills whilst controlling the ball, tackling, tactics and tricks to retrieve the ball safely, working in partnership and football rules. During our second lesson of PE each week we will focus on Dance: moves and exercise to music., moving to count 4/8/16/32, themes and routines. This will allow and encourage children's broad imagination, creativity and increase their confidence in acting and theatrical abilities. This lesson aims at building children's ability to move to the beat and understanding where it's placed in the music.

Music - This half term we will be continuing to listen to different styles of music by Mozart and focusing on listening in general. We will then be looking at ourselves and our bodies: exploring ways of using our voices and bodies to describe feelings and moods. The children will be exploring how to create different vocal sounds through call and response songs and we will start to notate them, building to a performance. We will use our bodies to develop a sense of pulse and learn about repeated patterns (ostinati), use body percussion techniques and instruments to respond to music and play rhythm patterns.

PHSE: Our topic this half term will be 'Celebrating Differences'. To understand that some people have fixed ideas about what boys and girls can do, to understand that bullying is sometimes about differences, to identify ways to respond to unkind behaviour, to know how it feels to be a friend and have a friend, to understand that differences make us special and unique.

Y2 Home Learning Routines: ALL HOME LEARNING MUST BE NAMED

Reading: Book Bags are to come in to school every Wednesday only. Could you please ensure that you write in the Reading Record when your child has finished their books ('NEW BOOKS PLEASE' is sufficient). Any other comments or feedback regarding your child's reading are always welcome. Books will be changed Wednesday evening and book bags returned on THURSDAYS.

Wednesday - Dictation completed and books returned to school.

Thursday - Spelling test (spelling cards to be sent into school Wednesday if you would like to see results of test).

Friday - Mathletic activities set online to be completed by Wednesday. Handwriting reinforcement using Letterjoins, 1 activity/sheet to be completed at home.

Children are expected to name and complete all home learning in pencil (except for the 'Handwriter of the Week'). Please can you also help us by encouraging your child to hand in their home learning, letters etc. and not to leave them in their folders.

Final Comments

Thank you for all your encouragement and support, it is much appreciated. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the online class email.

Wishing you a happy Christmas term

Wendy Livingstone (Year Two Class Teacher)