



St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, Putney

Vision: *Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish*

Mission: *Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian faith*

Values: *Compassion • Endurance • Thankfulness*

Year 3: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn Term 1, September 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome to Year 3 - the class that is your child's first step into Key Stage Two! This is an exciting time for your child as they have now entered into the junior phase of their time at primary school. The expectation is for children in Year 3 to become more independent and to take on more responsibility for themselves, their belongings and their learning... this will include stepping up to the challenges of the Key Stage 2 national curriculum, which begins to cover more demanding content in both mathematics and English. The staff in Year 3 will of course be there to support your child with this big transition, with the aim of continuing to fill the children with an excitement for learning, but also instilling the right amount of work discipline required for study.



The Year 3 Team

Our Year 3 team this year is:

Mr M Lett - full-time class teacher

Mrs S Dias - teaching assistant (mornings only)

Mrs A Bevir - learning support assistant (mornings only)

On Mondays, the class will be taught by specialist staff: Mrs Adams for Art and Design, Mrs Le Prevost for Music and Coach Park for PE. On Tuesdays, Coach V will teach PE. On Friday afternoons, Mrs Dias will cover the class.

Coronavirus Pandemic

The school continues to follow guidance from the Department for Education and at this present time, we can return to a more 'normal' school life akin to prior the pandemic. This will no doubt be of great happiness, and we pray that any disruptions to education will be minimal. The school has updated its COVID-19 Risk Assessment to reflect the current guidance and this can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/coronavirus-information/>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding the children at St. Mary's is the responsibility of all staff, parents and professionals who come on site. If you have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Kerry Dunford. Her contact email is: kdunford.212@lgf1mail.org.

If there are safeguarding concerns, which take place outside of school hours please contact the Wandsworth Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Their contact details are: Telephone: 020 8871 6622 or e-mail: MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk.

The Curriculum

Your child will now follow the national curriculum's Key Stage Two programme of study. However, to help cover identified gaps or missed learning from the pandemic in the previous year, we will also go over key objectives deemed essential for progression. This will likely take the form of review or catch up sessions prior to starting any new content for the Year 3 curriculum.

We would normally outline the planned curriculum intent for the half term in this newsletter. However, there are now clear statements on the school website, which lay out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

To view the Year 3 curriculum intent please see the Year 3 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>
We will be following the content outlined in the autumn term.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Your child can attend school on these days wearing the St. Mary's PE kit. If your child takes part in a school sports club before or after school on a **non-PE** day, they are required to change i.e. sports club before school then bring school uniform to change into and after school bring PE kit to get changed into.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S PE KIT (AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR - TRAINERS FOR OUTDOORS) IS IN SCHOOL ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

Home Learning Arrangements

Home Learning will be mostly set as an assignment via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child has access to Microsoft Teams and is able to meet the deadlines for completion.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term. Weekly spellings set on Monday and tested on Friday.
- **Times Tables:** Please practice regularly - set on Monday and tested every Friday.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 15 minutes each morning or evening - if possible. It is important that the children read aloud to you regularly and they also benefit greatly from you reading to them. Reading things such as articles in encyclopedias, newspapers, recipes, instruction texts, etc. will help broaden their understanding of reading across different contexts.
- **Maths:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with Mathletics and should take on average 30-40 minutes.
- **English:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. English tasks should take on average 30-40 minutes.

Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or perhaps to inform us of other matters relating to your child, then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 3 team. As always the best way to do this is through the use of your child's PACT. The PACT e-mail is a great tool for communication between home and school, so please do not hesitate in using it. The address is: Class2018@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Keep in the loop with social media

The school actively uses two social media platforms to communicate school news and events, so please check them out and follow us:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/PutneySMPS> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PutneySMPS/>

Starting a new school year is exciting, but also comes with its challenges and anxiety, so do let us know if your child is struggling in the first few weeks back. We will be able to support your child and help them if we are made aware of any issues early on.

Wishing your child a great return to school.
All the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Mr Lett