



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

Year 5 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 1, September 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back! I am so pleased to have joined St Mary's and my first week at the school has been made all the more spectacular in getting to know the wonderful Year 5 children.

As the Year 5 children are entering into upper Key Stage Two, I have high expectations for their organisation and their learning as they will be stepping up to the challenges of the upper Key Stage Two national curriculum. They will be expected to show increased independence and maturity in the way they approach their learning. The staff in Year 5 will of course be on hand to support the children to manage this. Furthermore, we will endeavor to fill the children with a continued love for learning.

The Year 5 Team

Our Year 5 team this year is:

Ms J Hesketh - full-time class teacher
only)

Mrs S Miles - teaching assistant (mornings

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.

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@lgflmail.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 Upper 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 5 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 5 curriculum intent please see the Year 5 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 **Wednesday**. 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.

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with Mathematics and should take on average 30-40 minutes.
English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, 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

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: Class2016@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,
Ms Hesketh