



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 2, November 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

A warm welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I trust you all had an enjoyable break. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support shown during the last 7 weeks. The class have been doing great and much has already been accomplished with the children during the first half term. Notably, the children are settled and now familiar with the new expectations for working in the Year 3 classroom. I have seen improvements in every child's approach and attitude towards learning, which has led to greater independence and maturity. There has been much enthusiasm so far, with particular enjoyment in our science topic on rocks and learning the basics of coding when we visit the computing room. I look forward to teaching the new curriculum content for this half term, which includes the history topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age' and the new science topic on forces.

The Curriculum

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 continue to follow the content outlined in the autumn term.

Classroom resources

I have purchased a brand new class set of dictionaries with the class budget and therefore would like to thank parents for any previous fundraising that has contributed to this. I hope that future fundraising events, such as the reintroduction of class cake sales, will be well supported to enable further purchases to be made for your children to benefit and enjoy.

School Trip

A school trip has been arranged for Year 3 to enhance the history topic on Stone Age to Iron Age. This trip will take place on Thursday 25th November and further details will be sent in a separate letter to follow shortly.

Coronavirus Pandemic

Please refer to our COVID-19 Risk Assessment for the measures followed in our school to help reduce the risks identified and this can be viewed on our school website here:

<http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/coronavirus-information/>

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Kerry Dunford. Her contact email is: kdunford.212@lgflmail.org. For any safeguarding concerns 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.

PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to 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 please 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 Mathematics 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/>

Progress in Learning Meetings

Your child's 'Progress in Learning' meeting (parent-teacher consultation) will take place virtually on either Wednesday 1st December or Thursday 2nd December.

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mr Lett