



## 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 4: 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 hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing break. First of all, I would like to just take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have shown me during my first seven weeks at St. Mary's. I couldn't ask for a kinder reception.

I have been very pleased with Year 4's performance over the course of the first half term. The children have collectively done a stellar job and exceeded my expectations - I hope you are equally satisfied with your own child's progress so far. Most importantly, the children have settled well into a new year with a new teacher, which is especially significant after the upheaval of last year. I am really enjoying their enthusiasm, and they have especially thrown themselves into our English lessons, producing some excellent storytelling. I am looking forward to them bringing a similar energy to our next History topic on the Roman Empire and to our next Science topic on electricity!

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk).

#### The Curriculum

To view the Year 4 curriculum intent please see the Year 4 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.

#### Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The DfE (Department for Education) requires all schools in England to administer a test on whether Year 4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables fluently. This test will take place in June and is called the Multiplication Tables Check or MTC for short. In addition to revising tables and testing every Friday, we will begin this half-term doing weekly practice checks from this useful website: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

This is an online version of the check that is similar to how the real assessment will be. I encourage you to use this at home as I am sure this will be beneficial for your child.

#### PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. 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 TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - 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 4 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: [Class2017@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2017@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

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/>

Wishing your child a great half term ahead.  
All the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Mr Lally