



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

Year 6 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 2, November 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, we hope you had a lovely break. Year 6 is an action packed year and your children have been wonderful, rising to the occasion, working hard and extending their learning outside of school. The class have come back full of enthusiasm and excited about the learning we have planned. Thank you for all the support and positivity that you are providing at home, it really makes a difference.

We have an interesting half term planned, which is sure to keep your children engaged. In **Maths** we will be continuing our learning of the four operations, fractions and geometry. Our **English** text this term is 'Can we save the tiger?', a non-fiction text which will guide our grammar and writing tasks. Our new English scheme is developing some fantastic writers in year 6, be sure to ask you children what they are learning! In **RE** we will continue to look at Christianity, particularly how Christians believe that following Jesus' New Commandment makes a difference. We will be teaching **History** this term covering Baghdad 900AD and the Golden Age of Islam. In **Science**, we will be exploring electricity. Our **DT** topic, electrical systems, is an excellent complement to Science as children will be planning, designing and evaluating their own electrical games using a series circuit. Our **Computing** unit, 'We are computational thinkers', will introduce us to algorithms and build our understanding of logical reasoning. In **PSHE** we will be 'Celebrating differences,' exploring our attitudes towards differences and how we can deal with issues that might arise. In **Music** we will be composing music. The children will hone their drawing skills in **Art** this term.

Geography Fieldwork Trip

On **24 November**, your children will be spending the day at Fulham Palace to put last half term's Geography study of rivers into context. More details will be provided at a later date.

The Curriculum

To view the Year 6 curriculum intent in detail please see the Year 6 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here:

<https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Year-Six-Class-Curriculum-Map.pdf>

We will continue to follow the content outlined in the autumn term.

Coronavirus Pandemic

The school continues to follow guidance from the Department for Education. Families are encouraged to continue to take lateral flow tests biweekly and for children to stay home if they are unwell. 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.

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.

Home Learning

In Year 6, all children will be given three sets of home learning tasks to complete each week - Maths/English/Guided Reading. As the year progresses and the children settle, we will be adding to this.

We advise our children to spend no more than 40 minutes on each piece of main home learning and to let us know whether they found it too complicated or too easy at the end of the assignment. We expect all of our Year 6 children to complete their home learning independently but it would be beneficial for them to have it checked over for accurate punctuation, accurate calculations and neatness before it is handed in.

Please comment if you have had to help significantly.

Home learning is structured as followed:

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in remotely the following Wednesday.
English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in remotely the following Wednesday
Guided Reading: Reading and task to be completed
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday Independent Reading: Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening
Times Tables: Tested on Friday 100 Club sheets have been sent to parents to use at home to aid fluency and speed!
Home learning will not be set during holidays

Secondary Transfer

We have spoken with many of you about Secondary Transfer. We will continue to support you in any way you feel is necessary. There are a number of banding and entrance exams coming up, please keep us updated if you child will be missing school. If you are applying to schools that require references, please could you let Mrs Bishop know as soon as possible so we are prepared for when the request is made to the school.

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 6 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the use of your child's class email. 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 Class2015@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 2nd 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/>

We are delighted to be teaching Year 6 and look forward to a very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Bishop
Mrs Rinaldi
Miss Overton
(Year 6 Team)