



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 1: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring Term 1, January 2022

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday and feel rested and ready for a new term. We were very excited to welcome the children back in on Wednesday and they have made a fantastic start to the new term already!

Thank you for continuing to follow the Covid-19 guidance, which ensures that we are all safe and enabling us to all learn together in class. This continues to be a challenging time, and our thoughts are with those who have been affected directly by Covid-19 over the festive period and are currently isolating at home. We hope to have everyone back in school very soon.

The Curriculum

The school continues to follow guidance from the Department for Education and at this present time, we continue as we were prior to the holidays. We hugely hope that any disruptions to education will be minimal and will of course update you if guidance changes. The school has an updated 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/>

To view the Year 1 curriculum intent 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-One-Class-Curriculum-Map.pdf>

We will be following the content outlined in the Spring Term.

School Trip

This half term, we will be going on a local trip to the church - please watch this space!

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

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.

PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Your child should 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 be changed into.

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

Home Learning Arrangements

Home Learning will be set on a **Friday** and will be due the following **Wednesday**.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards were sent home last week and can also be found in the Home Learning channel on MS Teams. Weekly spellings are tested on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child brings their spelling card to school on a **Friday** so that we can mark down their score for you to see how they did and what they might need to work on.
- **Dictation:** Dictation cards will be sent home the week **after** spelling cards and are to be completed by the following Wednesday. The due dates are written on the cards to help you! Please do not go ahead. The dictation helps us to see what your child has been able to retain and what we might need to go over again so please do not let your child see the card before writing and please do leave in any mistakes that your child might make.
- **Grammar:** reinforcement sheets will be sent home during the week, for the children to complete and to let you know what we have been covering in class. These are for your reference and do not need to be returned.
- **Reading:** We expect that children will read aloud every night for at least 10 minutes. Inside the front and back covers of the Oxford Reading Tree books, there are useful questions to ask your child to probe their understanding of the text. Please refer to these before, during and after reading together. Reading folders should be brought into school every day in order to enable us to read with your child at school as well. Reading books are changed on a **Wednesday evening**. We will keep reading folders overnight on a Wednesday and they will be returned home every **Thursday** after book change. Please ensure that you write in the Reading Record when your child needs new books, otherwise they won't be changed! Books are changed, if requested, on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**. We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this.
- **Maths:** This will be set on **Friday** via Mathletics. Your child will be set a task on Mathletics which should be completed by the following **Wednesday**. Please let me know if you need to be sent your login details.

Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or to inform us of other matters relating to your child (e.g., if your child is being collected by someone who does not usually collect them), then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 1 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the PACT e-mail. 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:

Class2020@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/>

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Miss Barrett