



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

Spring Term 1, January 2022

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was peaceful where you managed to have a restful break and have had a chance to enjoy the festive period in whatever way that may be!
The new calendar year is a fantastic time where it provides us with many new things to get excited about and I am hopeful this year ahead will continue to deliver us joyful moments and new experiences. Some highlights this term include our Geography where we will be looking at biomes with particular focus on the tropical rainforest. In our RE topic we will be exploring Judaism where we hope to gain an understanding of the significance in events such as Passover and the importance of The Shema. In our Science topic we will be looking at states of matter with observations and investigations into state change and the water cycle. Lots to look forward to!

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 be following the content outlined in the spring term.

Please note that due to coronavirus restrictions our PE gymnastic sessions indoors have been postponed and are hoped to take place in the summer term. Our PE coach will teach a programme of alternative sessions outdoors.

Classroom resources

Last term's cake sale has replenished our Year 4 class budget so I would like to say thank you to those who contributed, it is much appreciated! With the money raised, we will be purchasing new books for the class book corner and I hope that the children will enjoy the range we have selected as they have been keen to read a variety of genres and further their love of reading!

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 **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 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: Class2017@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/>

Kindest regards,

Mr Lally