



## St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

### Year 2: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 2, February 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break.

I was very pleased with the progress of the children last half term and am looking forward to another fun and busy half term. I hope that the children are also looking forward to being back and getting back into school life.

#### Classroom resources

Thank you for contributing to the crowd funding for resources after our bake sale was cancelled to focus efforts on the Christmas fair. As a class, we have decided to purchase a range of craft materials including: chinks, glitter, sticker, mosaics and Play Doh pots. We have also bought some books by popular authors Roald Dahl, Quinton Blake and Josh Lacey. We even had money left over to buy some Kapla wooden building planks! The children are very excited for these items to arrive so they can read, create and play even more in Y2! Thank you for your support.

#### 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@lgfmail.org](mailto:kdunford.212@lgfmail.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](mailto:MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk).

#### The Curriculum

To view the Year 2 curriculum intent please see the Year 2 Curriculum Map, which can be found on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>

We will be following the content outlined in the latter part of the Spring Term or beneath Spring 2. We will be completing the 'We Are Photographers' computing unit before we move on to the theme for Spring 2. In mathematics, we continue our work on division and will then be moving on to statistics, measurement and geometry.

#### 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

Home learning is- set on **Friday** to be returned/completed by the following **Wednesday** and is structured as followed:

##### **Year Two Home Learning**

**Spellings:** Spelling 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 covers the spelling pattern from the previous week to check that your child can recall the spelling rule and not just rote learn for the test. The due dates are written on the cards to help you! 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.**

**Handwriting:** Handwriting reinforcement is to be completed using the Letter Join online program (login: lj9376 password: home). As the children have very different needs with regard to handwriting, I recommend you go into the Year 2 folder and choose an appropriate letter pattern each week, to suite your child's ability. In class we are focusing on correct posture for handwriting, basic pattern formation and horizontal and diagonal joins.

**Times Tables:** Please practice regularly - tested every **Friday**.

**Reading:** It is expected that children will read aloud every night for at least 10 minutes. It is important that the children read aloud to you regularly, they benefit greatly from you reading to them. Reading texts such as articles in encyclopaedias, newspaper, recipes, instruction texts, etc. will broaden their understanding of reading across different contexts too. 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. Reading folders must be returned to school every day. On **Wednesdays**, we will keep your child's folder to change their books and will be returned home every **Thursday** after book change. Could you please ensure that you write in the Reading Journal when your child has finished their books, otherwise we will assume they have not been read and they will not be changed! Books will be changed, if requested, on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**. Any other

**Maths:** Children to complete assigned online tasks on Mathletics.

### 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 2 team. As always, the best way to do this is using your child's 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 [Class2019@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2019@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/>

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning. If you have any queries or concerns over the next half term please do let me know.

Kind regards,  
Miss McCarthy  
Mrs Ford  
Miss Ricceri  
(Year 2 Team)