



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

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 2, February 2022

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday.

Sayers Croft seems a distant memory but I wanted to take this opportunity to say what a delight it was to take year 5. The children behaved so well and seemed to have such fun. They were a credit to the school. I hope they learned a lot to prepare them for the longer stay in Year 6!

Already this term, Year 5 have dived headfirst back into their learning. In our new science topic, Earth and Space, the children have been analysing evidence that the Earth is spherical and not flat. This led to some lively debate! We are looking forward to our trip to the planetarium later this term! Furthermore, we have enjoyed reading our new class text, *The Darkest Dark*, and learning all about the Astronaut, Chris Hadfield.

Throughout Spring 1 the children's growing maturity was so evident both within their learning and conduct around the school. They are definitely growing up and becoming more and more ready for Year 6! May they continue to flourish as the year goes on.

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.

The Curriculum

Your child will continue to follow the national curriculum's Upper Key Stage Two programme of study.

To view the Year 5 curriculum intent please see the Year 5 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.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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 |
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| Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with Mathletics and should take on average 30-40 minutes. |
| English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in remotely on Wednesday |
| Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday |
| Reading: Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening |
| Times Tables: Tested on Friday |
| Home learning will not be set during holidays |

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 5 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: Class2016@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/>

Wishing you all the best for the half term ahead!

Kindest regards,
Ms Hesketh