



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

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

Summer 1, April 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - we hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and feel ready to begin the Summer Term.

We are excited to welcome you into class in a few weeks to see your child's learning in action and the brilliant progress and enthusiasm for learning we encounter daily in the classroom.

Tests will be held this half term to ascertain levels of attainment for the children. These inform our on-going teacher assessments that you will be made aware of in the annual school report. No extra test practice is needed at home, but please ensure your child reads daily and understands what they have read. Encourage your child to complete all home learning to the best of their ability and practise their times tables to support their mathematical learning and understanding.

We are looking forward to another fun and busy half term. Some highlights of the term include; a visit from our Year 2 pen pals in Tilford, a trip to Richmond Park to enhance our learning on plants and to conclude the term the school will be holding our own 'Royal Tea Party' to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! More information to follow.

#### 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](mailto: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](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 beneath Summer 1.

#### 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)