



**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 2: Half Termly Letter to Parents  
Autumn 1, September 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

Every school year is a step up from the previous year and we are looking forward to helping your child make this transition and successfully manoeuvre the changes between Year 1 and Year 2.

In Year 2, children are encouraged to be more independent and take on more responsibility for themselves, their property and their learning.

**The Year 2 Team**

The Year 2 teaching and learning team this year is:

Miss Alisha McCarthy

Mrs Sam Flavin

On Tuesdays, specialist staff will teach the class:

Art and Design - Mrs Adams

Music - Ms Fenner

P.E. - Mr Newman

**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**

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

We no longer outline the planned curriculum intent for the half term in this newsletter.

However, there are now clear statements on the school website, which lay out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

To view the Year 2 curriculum intent please see the Year 2 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 autumn term.

### PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will 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 then 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 Arrangements

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be sent home at the start of each half term. 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 are sent home the week **after** spelling cards and are to be completed by the following Wednesday. The due dates will be 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 programme (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 chose an appropriate letter pattern each week, to suite your child's ability. In class, we are focusing on correct posture for handwriting and basic pattern formation.
- **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 and they also benefit greatly from you reading to them. Reading a wide range of texts such as articles in encyclopedias, newspapers, recipes and instruction texts, 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**. 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 comments or feedback regarding your child's reading are always welcome via the online PACT book. Reading folders are expected to be brought into school daily so that they can be heard to read by a member of the Year Two team. There are not set days that the children

will be called to read so it is important that their books be in every day so they do not miss the opportunity to be listened to.

- **Maths:** Children to complete assigned online tasks on Mathletics. Login details to be sent home via your child (Login details remain the same as they were in Year One.)

**All home learning is set on Friday** to be returned/completed by the following **Wednesday**

#### 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 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: [Class2021@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2021@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/>

#### Dates for Your Diary:

4th September - Inset Day

5th September - Inset Day

6th September - Autumn Term begins

13th September - Year 2 Meet the Teacher (6pm - 6.45pm)

25th September - Phonics Workshop for Parents (5pm - 6pm)

29th September - Harvest Festival

17th October - School Open Evening

23rd-27th October - Half Term

Starting a new school year normally comes with some challenges and anxiety, but it is also the beginning of an exciting journey. Please remember that we are here to support you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the PACT e-mail to let us know.

May this school year be filled with growth, learning and fun!

Regards,

Alisha McCarthy & Mrs Flavin