



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

Autumn Term 1, September 2023

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome to Year 4 and the start of a new academic year here at St. Mary's! I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer. I am delighted to be teaching the class this year. Thank you to all who have introduced themselves to me so far. I look forward to a productive year ahead as your child builds upon their learning and continues to develop their skills. Wishing your child a successful and positive experience in Year 4.

The Year 4 Team

Our Year 4 team this year is:

Miss M Dupen

Ms Donlon



On Tuesdays, the class will be taught by specialist staff:

Mrs Adams for Art and Design

Mrs Fenner for Music

Mr Newman for PE

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.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 8.45am - Start of new Academic Year and Autumn Term

Monday 11th September 2023 at 6pm (Y4 Classroom) - Year 4 Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 2pm - Volunteer Induction Meeting

Friday 29th September 2023 at 9.45am - Harvest Festival Service (at St. Mary's Church)

Friday 29th September 2023 Y4 Cake Sale

Friday 20th October 2023 at 3.20pm - End of Autumn Term 1 and start of half term break

Monday 30th October 2023 at 8.45am - Start of Autumn Term 2

The Curriculum

Your child will continue to follow the national curriculum's Key Stage Two programme of study. The curriculum is found on the school website, which lay out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

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 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.

Home Learning Arrangements

In Year 4, children are given three sets of home learning to complete during the week, including Mathematics, English and Guided Reading. Home Learning will be set as an assignment via Microsoft Teams unless stated in a Teams post. 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 - progress monitored weekly in class.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 15 minutes each day. It is important that the children read aloud to you regularly and they also benefit greatly from you reading to them. Reading a broader scope of genres will allow your child to expand their 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 Problem-solving and Reasoning questions, 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 4 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: 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/>

Wishing your child a great return to school.
All the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Miss Dupen