



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

Year 5 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 1, September 2023

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and welcome to Year 5!

As the Year 5 children are entering into upper Key Stage Two, I have high expectations for their organisation and their learning as they will be stepping up to the challenges of the upper Key Stage Two national curriculum. They will be expected to show increased independence and maturity in the way they approach their learning. The staff in Year 5 will of course be on hand to support the children to manage this. Furthermore, we will endeavor to fill the children with a continued love for learning.

The Year 5 Team

Our Year 5 team this year is:

Ms Jessica Hesketh

Mrs Sylvia Miles (mornings only)

Mrs Adams - Specialist Art and Design teacher

Ms Fenner - Specialist Music Teacher

Mr Newman - PE Coach

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

The curriculum is found on the school website, which lays out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

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 autumn 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

In Year 5, all children will be given three sets of home learning tasks to complete each week - Maths/English/Guided Reading. As the year progresses and the children settle, we will be adding to this.

We advise children to spend no more than 40 minutes on each piece of main home learning and to let us know whether they found it too complicated or too easy at the end of the assignment. We expect all of Year 5 children to complete their home learning independently but it would be beneficial for them to have it checked over for accurate punctuation, accurate calculations and neatness before it is handed in. Please comment if you have had to help significantly. If for any reason your child is unable to complete their home learning that week, please send a PACT email explaining why this is the case. If children need help or support with their home learning, they should let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

Weekly spelling and times tables tests will also be given. In addition to spelling accurately, children are expected to be able to use the weekly words in context and apply the focus spelling rule to other unfamiliar words.

Home learning is structured as follows:

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in remotely the following Wednesday. We will also set a few Mathletics task each week which should also be completed by the following Wednesday.
English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in remotely the following Wednesday.
Guided Reading: Reading and task to be completed.
Independent Reading: Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening.
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday. The Children should also write each spelling word into a sentence and attach it to their English home learning assignment which they will upload to Teams.
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 Class2018@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/>

We are delighted to be teaching Year 5 and look forward to a very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Ms Hesketh

Mrs Miles

(Year 5 Team)