



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

Year 6 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 6!

Year 6 is a challenging year and we work hard to ensure that all the children have the best opportunity possible to achieve their full potential. At the same time, we try our best to have fun along the way and provide all the children with some lovely lasting memories. As your child embarks on their final year at primary school, we would like to take this opportunity to wish them a successful and positive year ahead.

The Year 6 Team

Our Year 6 team this year is:

Mrs Amanda Bishop - (Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday)

Mrs Courtney Rinaldi - (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)

Mrs Susana Dias - mornings only

Mrs Adams - Specialist Art and Design Teacher

Ms Rowan Fenner - Specialist Music Teacher

Mr Jack Newman - PE Coach

Mrs Claudine Stanton-Jones - French Teacher

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@lqflmail.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 lay out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

To view the Year 6 curriculum intent please see the Year 6 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.

Class Enrichment

We will be enhancing our Y6 curriculum with a number of visits and visitors this term.

We have trips planned to The Churchill War Rooms (19 October), The Thames Explorer

(TBD) as well as Transport for London workshops (6 October) and Cycle Training. More information will be sent via our class email.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Tuesday**. 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 6, 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 our 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 our Year 6 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.

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 followed:

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday.
English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in the following Wednesday.
Guided Reading: Reading and task to be completed.
Independent Reading: Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening.
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday.
Times Tables: Tested on Friday 100 Club sheets are on our MS Teams page so children can practice fluency and speed!
Home learning will not be set during holidays

Secondary Transfer

Last term we held a meeting to provide you with information regarding Secondary Transfer. Please contact us if you have any further questions or need support with this process. We continue to send home (via Parentmail) any relevant information sent to us by Secondary Schools - please keep an eye out for this in your inbox!

A very helpful guide, 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School' and accompanying application forms can be downloaded on the following website

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions.

You can apply for a secondary school place for entry in September 2024 from Friday 1 September 2023.
Your application must be received by Tuesday 31 October 2023.

If you are applying to schools that require references, please could you let Mrs Bishop know as soon as possible so we are prepared for when the request is made to the school.

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 6 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 Class2017@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/>

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 14th September 2023 at 6pm (Y6 Classroom) - Year 6 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 13th October 2023 Y6 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

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are delighted to be teaching Year 6 and look forward to a very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Bishop

Mrs Rinaldi

Mrs Dias

(Year 6 Team)