



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 Term 2, November 2023

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term.

We are very pleased with the children's success in settling into their new class and managing the expectations of Year 2.

The class have certainly become more independent with their organisational skills and attitude towards learning.

It has been wonderful watching their enthusiasm for our history focus on Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and our new science focus; Living Things.

I hope that you have seen this enthusiasm at home too.

The second part of the autumn term is always full of lots to look forward to such as our visit to Tilford to explore and compare the locational differences between Putney and a small town. This will enhance their understanding of concepts learnt in geography this half term and give the children the opportunity to meet their Pen Pals, our class workshare, FOSMs Movie night, Sleeping Beauty pantomime and the Christmas Nativity.

What an exciting half term ahead for Year 2!

The Curriculum

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 continue to follow the content outlined in the autumn term.

School Trip

As mentioned briefly above a school trip has been arranged for Year 2 to enhance their learning in Geography (23rd November). The class will apply their knowledge of location by comparing Putney to a rural small town. Further details will be sent in a separate letter shortly.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Kerry Dunford. Her contact email is kdunford.212@lgflmail.org. For any safeguarding concerns 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.

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 be changed into.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S PE KIT (AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR - TRAINERS FOR OUTDOORS) IS IN SCHOOL ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.



Home Learning Arrangements

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

| Home Learning |
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| All home learning is set on Friday to be returned/completed by the following Wednesday |
| Maths: Children to complete assigned online tasks on Mathletics |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| Reading: We expect that children will read aloud every night for <u>at least 10 minutes</u> . Inside the front and back covers of the books, there are useful questions to ask your child to probe their understanding of the text. Please refer to these before, during and after reading together. Reading folders should be brought into school <u>every day</u> in order to enable us to read with your child at school as well. Every week, all children will read with an adult (whether the class teacher, teaching assistant or a volunteer) either during a guided reading session or individually (depending on your child's reading needs). All children will read with the class teacher every other week during a guided reading session. Reading books are changed on a Wednesday evening . We will keep reading folders overnight on a Wednesday and they will be returned home every Thursday after book change. Please ensure that you write in the Reading Record when your child needs new books, otherwise they will not be changed! Books are changed, if requested, on WEDNESDAYS ONLY . We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this. Any other comments or feedback regarding your child's reading is always welcome via the online PACT book. |
| 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, 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 email. 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

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th November 2023 at 8pm - FOSM Quiz Night (Winchester House Ballroom)

Friday 10th November 2023 at 9.10am - Celebration Worship (in school hall)

Tuesday 14th November 2023 - Flu immunisations

13th - 17th November 2023 - Anti-Bulling Week

Friday 17th November 2023 - class workshare (in Y2 classroom) 2pm - 3pm

Thursday 23rd November 2023 - Geography trip to Tilford

Friday 1st December 2023 at 9.10am - Celebration Worship (in school hall - Christmas focus)

Saturday 2nd December 2023 at 8pm - FOSM Movie Night

6th - 7th December - Progress in Learning meetings

Tuesday 19th December 2023 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity at St Mary's Church at 9.45-10.45

Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 2.30pm - Last day of term

Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 8.45am - First day of the spring term



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/>

Progress in Learning Meetings

Your child's 'Progress in Learning' meeting (parent-teacher consultation) will take place on either Wednesday 6th December or Thursday 7th December. More information to follow.

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child. If you have any concerns, please use the PACT e-mail to let us know.

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead.

Kindest regards, Miss McCarthy.