



**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 3: Half-Termly Letter to Parents**

**Autumn Term 2, November 2023**

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It's already the second half of the autumn term - where has the time gone? It's incredible to think that just 8 weeks ago your children were beginning their journey in Key Stage Two... and what a great job they are all doing! The class have been simply wonderful and much has already been accomplished... a greater independence and maturity has been shown, a positive approach and attitude towards learning is clear and there has been much enthusiasm, with particular enjoyment in our science and history topics on rocks and the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support shown during the first half of the autumn term, particularly with helping your child to settle into Year 3. I look forward to getting to know your child better and teaching them the new curriculum content for this half term.

Of course, it won't be long before we embark on marking Advent and doing all of the exciting activities in the lead up to Christmas. An action packed half term ahead!



The Curriculum

To view the Year 3 curriculum intent please see the Year 3 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.

The Year 3 Team

Just a reminder that our Year 3 teaching and learning team is made up of Mr Lett and Mrs Ford; On Mondays, the class will also be taught by specialist staff: Mrs Adams for art and design, Ms Fenner for music and Mr Newman for PE. On Tuesdays, Mr Newman will take the class for a second PE session. On Wednesdays, the Wandsworth Music Service, led by Mrs Salter, will teach the children how to play the recorder and Madame Claudine will teach French.

Class Work Share

Parents are invited to attend a class work share in Y3 on the afternoon of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm. This will provide an opportunity for you to see your child's work and to celebrate their achievements in their learning.

School Trips

We have two school trips coming up this half-term for Year 3...

The first will be a trip to Butser Ancient Farm in Hampshire on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. As mentioned previously, this trip links well with our history topic on the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. Details for this trip have already been sent home - please make payment and return the permission slip by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Our second trip will be a visit to Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. By visiting this historic church in the run up to Christmas, the children will think about Christian life, worship, symbolism and traditions. This will help the children to understand more about their RE topic on the importance of Advent and Epiphany. Further details will be sent out in due course.

### Progress in Learning Meetings

Your child's 'Progress in Learning' meeting (parent-teacher consultation) will take place on either Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. These meetings will be in person and when you visit you will have the chance to look at some of your child's exercise books. Further details about this will be sent via ParentMail shortly.

### PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to 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 please 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 MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

### Home Learning Arrangements

The majority of home learning will be set as an assignment via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child has access to Microsoft Teams, including knowing their username and password. You might need to support your child at first, especially with navigating the platform and meeting the deadlines for completion and submission. Once a routine has been established, it is expected that children can manage this process themselves.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term showing each week's spellings to learn. A copy will be given to each child to go between home and school. A copy will also be posted on Microsoft Teams. These weekly spellings will typically be set on Monday and tested in school on Friday.
- **Times Tables:** Please practice regularly - in Year 3 children will be required to learn times tables facts up to 12x12. A times tables practice booklet will be given to each child to go between home and school and will focus on one set of times tables at a time. The booklet will also include related division facts. When reading each multiplication fact, children should say the larger multiplicand/multiplier first, for example, the fact  $2 \times 5 = 10$  should be read as five twos are ten.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 10-15 minutes each morning or evening - if possible. Children should read their book borrowed from the class book corner or school library. Pages completed, along with any comments, should be written in your child's Reading Record Book and signed off by parent/carer. Once a book is finished your child is encouraged to complete a book review and return it to get a book changed.
- **Maths:** Set on Friday afternoon via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with the work done in class and will consist of completing activities and quests on Mathletics, as well as a couple of reasoning and problem solving questions. This should take on average 30-40 minutes.
- **English:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most English home learning will link with developing writing, such as creative and descriptive writing, acrostic poems, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary tasks. This should take on average 50-60 minutes.

### 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@lgfmail.org](mailto:kdunford.212@lgfmail.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).

### Diary Dates

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 8.45am - Start of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - School photographs (individual and siblings)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2.45pm - Y3 Class Work Share  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm - FoSMS Quiz Night  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 9.10am - Celebration Worship (in school hall)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 9.30am - KS2 Eucharist (at St. Mary's Church)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Anti-Bullying Day / Odd Socks Day  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 - Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 9.10am - Celebration Worship (in school hall - Christmas focus)  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 - FoSMS Christmas Movie Night  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Progress in Learning Meetings  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Year 3 Trip to Westminster Abbey  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - KS2 Christmas Pantomime Performance of 'Sleeping Beauty'  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch served  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2.30pm - End of Autumn Term and start of Christmas holiday  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 - Staff INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Staff INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 1

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 3 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: [Class2020@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2020@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:

X <https://twitter.com/PutneySMPS> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PutneySMPS/>

Have a great term everybody!

Kindest regards,

Mr Lett