



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

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 2, November 2023

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. We hope you all had an enjoyable break. We would like to thank you for all the support you have shown during the previous half term - especially welcoming Miss Munro as she covers the class in Ms Hesketh's absence. We continue to wish Ms Hesketh well and hope to see her back in school very soon.

The class have been working hard and much has already been accomplished during the first half term. Notably, the children are settled and now familiar with the new expectations for working in the Year 5 classroom. We have been impressed with the children's growing maturity and engagement with their learning. This half term, we have much look forward to, including an exciting new science topic, 'Forces', learning all about traditional tales in English and starting an exciting new Geography topic, 'Climate Zones'.

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 lay 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: <https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Year-Five-Class-Curriculum-Map.pdf>

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

Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with Athletics and should take on average 30-40 minutes.

English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in remotely on Wednesday
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday
Reading: Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening
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

Progress in Learning Meetings/Y5 Work Share

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

In addition to this meeting invite you into class for a Work Share with your child on Thursday 23rd November 2.45 - 3.15pm in the Y5 classroom.

Other Dates for Diaries

- Thursday 2nd November - Y5 Godly Play Session @ St. Mary's Church
- Wednesday 8th November - Individual Pupil Photographs
- Thursday 9th November - FOSMS Quiz Night
- Friday 10th November - Celebration Worship - all welcome
- Tuesday 14th November - Flu Immunisation
- Wednesday 15th November - Eucharist @ St. Mary's Church
- Friday 1st December - Celebration Worship - all welcome
- Thursday 14th December - Christmas Pantomime
- Tuesday 19th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- Last Day of Term - Finish 2.30pm

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 you all the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Miss Munro/Ms Hesketh
Mrs Miles
(Year 5 Team)