



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

Year 6 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 2, November 2023

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, we hope you had a lovely break. Year 6 is an action packed year and your children have been wonderful, rising to the occasion, working hard and extending their learning outside school too. The class have come back full of enthusiasm and excited about the learning we have planned. Thank you for all the support and positivity that you are providing at home, it really makes a difference.

We have an interesting half term planned, which is sure to keep your children engaged. In **Maths** we will be continuing our learning of the four operations, fractions and geometry. Our **English** text this term is 'Can We Save the Tiger?', a non-fiction text which will guide our grammar and writing tasks. Our English scheme is developing some fantastic writers in year 6, be sure to ask you children what they are learning! In **RE** we will continue to look at Christianity, particularly how Christians believe that following Jesus' New Commandment makes a difference. We will be teaching **Geography** this term covering learning about rivers. In **Science**, we will be exploring light. Our **DT** topic, electrical systems, is an excellent complement to last term's Science as children will be planning, designing and evaluating their own electrical games using a series circuit. Our **Computing** unit, will continue to look at the different ways we can programme Micro.bits. In **PSHE** we will be 'Celebrating Differences,' exploring our attitudes towards differences and how we can deal with issues that might arise. In **Music** we will be composing our own music and children will hone their drawing skills in **Art** this term. Obviously, the end of term will focus on preparations for Christmas - including all the usual St. Mary's traditions!

The Curriculum

To view the Year 6 curriculum intent in detail please see the Year 6 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here:

<https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Year-Six-Class-Curriculum-Map.pdf>

We will continue to follow the content outlined in the Autumn Term.

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.

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. This term they will be doing the 'Island Project' and will be given a small piece of a larger project to complete each week. Maths home learning will focus on arithmetic.

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.

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
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday
Independent Reading: Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening
Times Tables: Tested on Friday 100 Club sheets are on MS Teams if the children want to practice fluency and speed!
Home learning will not be set during holidays

Secondary Transfer

We have spoken with many of you about Secondary Transfer. We will continue to support you in any way you feel is necessary. There are a number of banding and entrance exams coming up, please keep us updated if you child will be missing school. 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. We urge children to return to school once exams are finished rather than taking full days off, this maximizes learning time.

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 class 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
Class2016@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Progress in Learning Meetings/Y6 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.

Prior to this meeting, we invite you into class for a Work Share with your child on Wednesday 29th November 2.45 - 3.15pm in the Y6 classroom.

Other Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 8th November - Individual Pupil Photographs
Thursday 9th November - Y6 Godly Play Session @ St. Mary's Church
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 17th November - Magistrates in School Workshop for Y6
Friday 29th November - Year 6 Class Workshare
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:

X <https://twitter.com/PutneySMPS>

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

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)