



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

**Spring Term 1, January 2024**

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday and feel rested and ready for a new term. We were very excited to welcome the children back in and they have hit the ground running and made a fantastic start to the new term already!

We are ready for another busy but fun term full of learning!

The Curriculum

To view the Year 1 curriculum intent please see the Year 1 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/curriculum/y1/>

We will be following the content outlined in the Spring 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@lgf1mail.org](mailto:kdunford.212@lgf1mail.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).

PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Monday** (with Mr Newman) and **Thursday** (with Miss Barrett). Your child should 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. for sports clubs 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 THURSDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

### Home Learning Arrangements

Home Learning will be set on a **Friday** and will be due the following **Wednesday**.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be sent home this week and can also be found in the Home Learning channel on MS Teams. Weekly spellings 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.
- **Dictation:** Dictation cards will be sent home the week **after** spelling cards and are to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. The due dates are written on the cards to help you! Please do not go ahead. 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 (when appropriate), 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.
- **Reading:** We expect that children will read aloud every night for at least 10 minutes. Inside the front and back covers of the Oxford Reading Tree 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 every day in order to enable us to read with your child at school as well. 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 won't be changed! Books are changed, if requested, on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**. We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this as this removes a member of staff from the classroom.
- **Maths:** This will be set on **Friday** via Mathletics. Your child will be set a task on Mathletics which should be completed by the following **Wednesday**. Please let me know if you need to be sent your login details. Tasks might be repeated when deemed necessary.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th January - Start of Spring 1 Term

Friday 12th January - Celebration Worship @ 9.15am in the School Hall

Tuesday 16th January - Volunteer Parent Induction (please contact the office if you would like to attend)

Friday 2nd February - Celebration Worship @ 9.15 am in the School Hall

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - FOSMs Cycle Challenge & last day of Spring 1

Monday 19th February - Start of Spring 2 Term

### Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or to inform us of other matters relating to your child (e.g., if your child is being collected by someone who does not usually collect them), then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 1 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the PACT e-mail. 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:

[Class2022@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2022@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)

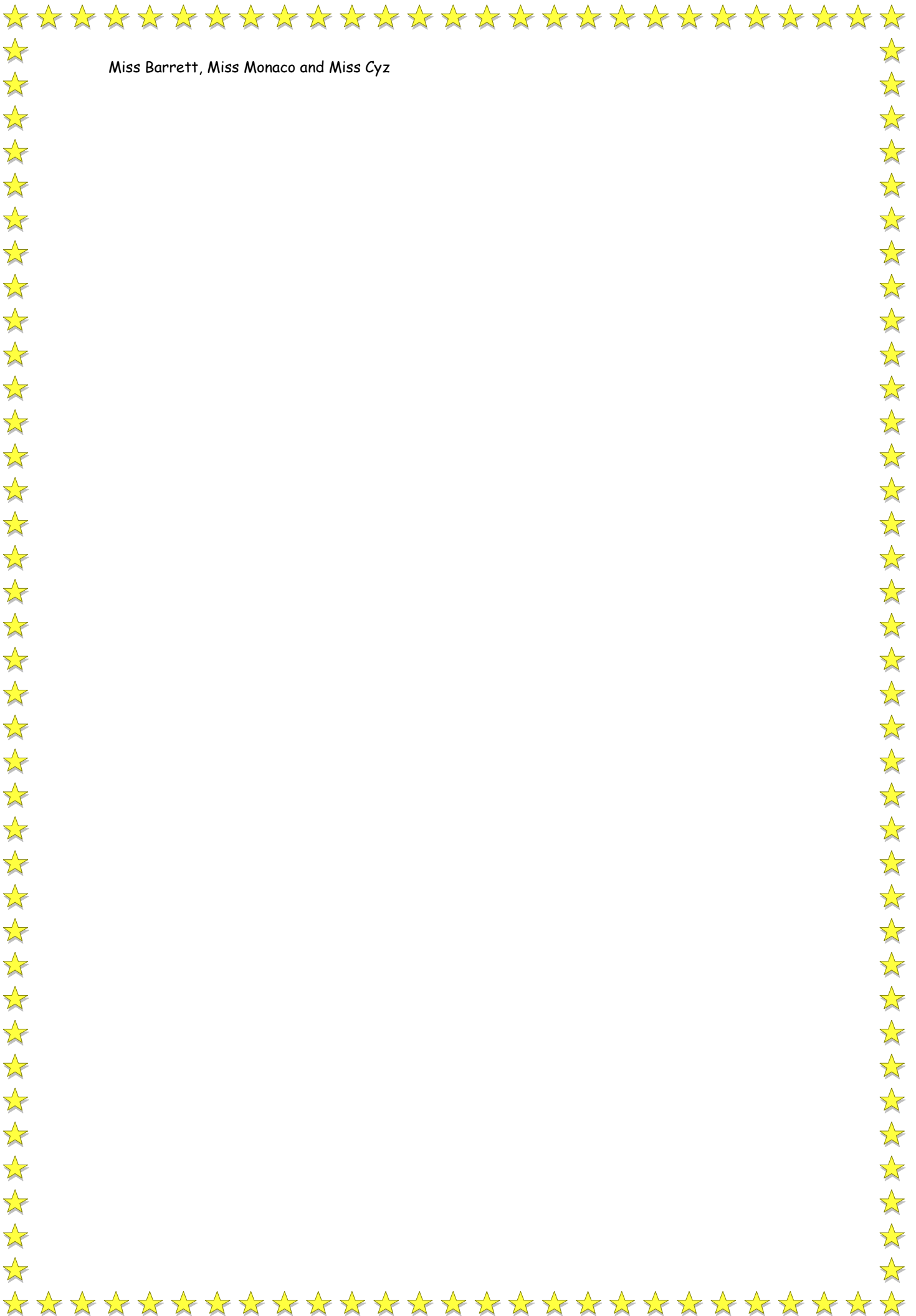
### Keep in the loop with social media

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/>

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Kindest regards,



Miss Barrett, Miss Monaco and Miss Cyz