



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

Spring Term 1, January 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! I do hope the Christmas holiday was both enjoyable and relaxing for you? Thanks once again for the thoughtful cards and gifts received at the end of the term. The holiday has passed by quickly, nevertheless, we are rearing to go here at St. Mary's and it has been wonderful to see the children return for the start of the Spring Term.

At the start of this new term I will be encouraging the children to reflect on the opportunities their learning offers them, particularly towards developing their understanding of the world. Our Year 3 curriculum has been designed to create a culture of wonder, and alongside our maths and English lessons, some of the class topics to be enjoyed this half of the spring term include forces and magnets in science, Ancient Egypt in history and finding out how to 'debug' a program in computing. All very exciting!



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 be following the content outlined in the spring term.

The Year 3 team

Our Year 3 teaching and learning team continues to be 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.

School trips

Our next school trip arranged for Year 3 will be a visit to the British Museum on Thursday 8th February. This visit will enhance the children's history learning of Ancient Egypt. Further details about this trip will be sent out in due course.

Swimming

Advanced notice that swimming lessons begin for Year 3 after half term. These lessons will take place at Putney Leisure Centre and are funded by FoSMS. Each session will take place on a Thursday and will begin at 9am and so we will be asking families to take their children in Year 3 straight to Putney Leisure Centre for registration at 8.50am. A letter with further details, arrangements and dates will be sent home in due course.

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 12×12 . 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

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.

Diary dates

Monday 8th January 2024 - Staff INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 12th January 2024 at 9.10am - Celebration Worship (in school hall)
Monday 5th - Friday 9th February 2024 - Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February 2024 - Year 3 Trip to the British Museum
Friday 9th February 2024 - FOSMs Cycle Challenge and end of Spring Term 1
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024 - Half Term Break
Monday 19th February 2024 at 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 2

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

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/>

Kindest regards,
Mr Lett