



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 4: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring Term 1, January 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was peaceful where you managed to have a restful break and have had a chance to enjoy the festive period in whatever way that may be!

The new calendar year is a fantastic time where it provides us with many new things to get excited about and I am hopeful this year ahead will continue to deliver us joyful moments and new experiences. Some highlights this term include our History unit where we find out about the legacy of the Ancient Greeks; looking at significant people such as Alexander the Great. In our RE topic we will be exploring Judaism where we hope to gain an understanding of the significance in events such as Passover and the importance of The Shema. In our Science topic we will continue looking at states of matter with observations and group investigations into state change and the water cycle.

Lots to look forward to!

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.

The Curriculum

To view the Year 4 curriculum intent please see the Year 4 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.

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The DfE (Department for Education) requires all schools in England to administer a test on whether Year 4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables fluently. This test will take place in June and is called the Multiplication Tables Check or MTC for short. In addition to revising tables and testing every Friday, we will begin this half-term doing weekly practice checks from this useful website: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

This is an online version of the check that is similar to how the real assessment will be.

I encourage you to use this at home as I am sure this will be beneficial for your child.

PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. 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 TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

Home Learning Arrangements

Home Learning will be mostly set as an assignment via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child has access to Microsoft Teams and is able to meet the deadlines for completion.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term. Weekly spellings set on Monday and tested on Friday.
- **Times Tables:** Please practice regularly - tested every Friday.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 15 minutes each morning or evening - if possible. It is important that the children read aloud to you regularly and they also benefit greatly from you reading to them. Reading things such as articles in encyclopedias, newspapers, recipes, instruction texts, etc. will help broaden their understanding of reading across different contexts.
- **Maths:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and must be handed in the following Wednesday. Mathematics home learning will link with Mathletics, as well as a task given on teams. This should take on average 30-40 minutes.
- **English:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and must be handed in the following Wednesday. English tasks should take on average 30-40 minutes.

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 4 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: Class2019@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Diary dates

Friday 12th January 2024 at 9.15am - Celebration Worship (in school hall)

Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 2pm - Parent volunteer induction session - please sign up via the office if you would like to attend

Friday 2nd February 2024 at 9.15am - Celebration Worship (in school hall)

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February 2024 - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February 2024 - FOSM's Cycle Event

Friday 9th February 2024 at 3.20pm - End of Spring Term 1

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 your child a great half term.

All the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,

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