



## St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

### Year 2: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 2, February 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful half term break.

We were very pleased with the progress of the children last half term and are looking forward to another fun and busy half term. We hope that the children are also looking forward to being back and getting back into school life.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated and supported our Cycle to Everest event last term - your contributions have made such a difference!

#### 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).

#### The Curriculum

To view the Year 2 curriculum intent please see the Year 2 Curriculum Map, which can be found on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>

We will be following the content outlined in the latter part of the Spring Term or beneath Spring 2. We will be completing the 'We Are Games Testers' computing unit before we move on to the theme for Spring 2. In mathematics, we continue our work on money and will then be moving on to multiplication, division and measurement.

#### 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 be 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

Home learning is- set on **Friday** to be returned/completed by the following **Wednesday** and is structured as followed:

##### **Year Two Home Learning**

**Spellings:** Spelling 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 covers the spelling pattern from the previous week to check that your child can recall the spelling rule and not just rote learn for the test. The due dates are written on the cards to help you! 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, 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.**

**Handwriting:** Handwriting reinforcement is to be completed using the Letter Join online program (login: lj9376 password: home). As the children have very different needs with regard to handwriting, I recommend you go into the Year 2 folder and choose an appropriate letter pattern each week, to suite your child's ability. In class, we are focusing on correct posture for handwriting, basic pattern formation and horizontal and diagonal joins.

**Reading:**

'There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.'

Reading is a primary focus of the school and Year 2. We have continued to notice a dip in the regularity in which the children are reading each week. We will continue to encourage reading every day, by checking reading journals on a Wednesday evening, and rewarding a sticker to children who have read more than 5 times. After they receive 3 stickers, they will be given 10 family points and a star on the class reward chart.

We expect that children will read aloud every night for at least 10 minutes. Inside the front and back covers of the 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. Every week, all children will read with an adult (whether the class teacher, teaching assistant or a volunteer) either during a guided reading session or individually (depending on your child's reading needs). All children will read with the class teacher every other week during a guided reading session. 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 will not be changed! Books are changed, if requested, on WEDNESDAYS ONLY. We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this. Any other comments or feedback regarding your child's reading is always welcome via the online PACT book.

**Maths:** Children to complete assigned online tasks on Mathletics.

Dates for your diary:

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024** - Anti -Bullying Day 2

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024** - children to bring in their favourite old toy (a toy they have had since they were a baby or was perhaps passed down to them from a grandparent) to discuss as part of our English lesson.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 9.45am** - Mothering Sunday Service at St. Mary's Church

**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March 2024** - Progress in Learning Meetings more information to follow shortly

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Comic Relief

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5pm** - FoSMS Disco

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2:30pm** - End of Spring Term 2 - Easter 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. As always, the best way to do this is using your child's 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 [Class2021@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2021@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/>

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning. If you have any queries or concerns over the next half term please do let us know.

Kind regards,  
Miss McCarthy  
Mrs Flavin  
(Year 2 Team)