



## 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 2, February 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

We are delighted to return to school after the half-term break and trust that everyone enjoyed their time away? I certainly needed the rest after the cycling challenge! Well done to everyone for their efforts towards our Cycle Everest Event and a huge thanks to everyone for raising money for the school playground - a staggering £18,000 has so far been raised! Special thanks to FoSMS for organising such a fun day.

As last term was so short, the class have a couple of units of learning to still complete, including the topic on Ancient Egypt for history and Health and Movement in science. However, new topics coming up later in this second half of the spring term includes statistics and measuring length in maths, persuasion writing in English, learning about forces and magnets in science, finding out about earthquakes and volcanoes in geography and thinking about the Beatitudes in RE.



#### 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.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk).

#### School trip

Our next school trip will be to the Natural History Museum to enhance our geography topic on earthquakes and volcanoes. This will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The class will travel by public transport and further details about this trip will be sent home in due course.

#### Swimming

Lessons have now begun! These will take place at Putney Leisure Centre and the programme is kindly funded by FoSMS. There will be a total of 12 sessions and the dates are:

- February 22nd and 29th
- March 7th, 14th and 21st
- April 18th and 25th
- May 2nd, 9th and 23rd
- June 6th and 13th

#### 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.

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 12x12. 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.

#### Diary dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 2  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 - Anti-Bullying Day Part 2  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 9.15am - Celebration Worship  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 9.45am - Mothering Sunday Service at St. Mary's Church  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5pm - KS2 Spring Concert  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Progress in Learning Meetings  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Year 3 Godly Play session at St. Mary's Church  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Red Nose Day  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5pm - FoSMS Disco  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Year 3 Trip to the Natural History Museum  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2.30pm - WCET Concert for parents (Year 3 to play recorders)  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 3.20pm - End of Spring Term 2

#### Communication

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](mailto: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