



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 2, February 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term! We hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing break. It has been lovely to see the children come back with such positive attitudes and smiles on their faces.

Some highlights this half term include our trip to Kew Gardens as we enquire into our Geography unit looking at Rainforests. In our RE topic we will be exploring pilgrimage where we hope to find the difference between special and sacred places of worship. In our Science topic we will be identifying sound and how it travels in vibrations. How exciting!

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 and the children very much enjoyed your involvement.

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 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. 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.

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 MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS - 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.

Diary dates

Monday 19th February 2024 at 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 2

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - KS2 Eucharist at St. Mary's Church

Friday 23rd February 2024 - Anti-Bullying Day 2

Friday 8th March 2024 at 9.45am - Mothering Sunday Service at St. Mary's Church

Tuesday 12th March 2024 - KS2 Spring Concert at 5:00pm

13th/14th March - Progress in Learning Meetings - more information to follow shortly

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief

Saturday 16th March 2024 at 5pm - FoSMS Disco

Wednesday 20th March 2024 - WCET Concert for parents (Year 4 to play flutes)

Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2:30pm - End 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 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

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/>

Warmest regards,

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