



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*

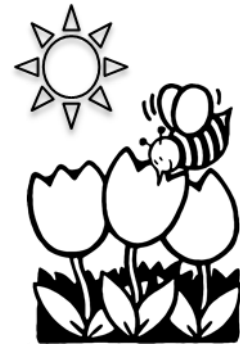
Year 3: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Summer Term 1, April 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday! We return to school for what will be the final third of the academic year in Year 3 - hasn't it gone quickly! There is still much learning to take place to cover the Year 3 curriculum, so we will be as busy as ever, and the children will need to be working hard. Of course we will also be fitting in all of the exciting summer term events such as the Summer Fair, Sports Day and our Key Stage Two Performance!

The Year 3 curriculum planned for this half of the summer term includes fractions, time and geometry in maths, fiction writing in English, continuing with forces and magnets in science, then moving on to the topic of light. The class will also continue to learn about earthquakes and volcanoes in geography, followed by a study of the Shang dynasty for history lessons. In RE the children will be looking at a different world faith - Islam - and thinking about what it means to be a Muslim. In PSHE they will be thinking about relationships, in D&T they will be making a pneumatic toy and for computing lessons the class will be creating their own wiki.



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 mostly following the content outlined in the summer 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.

Swimming

Our swimming lessons at Putney Leisure Centre continue into the summer term. The remaining scheduled dates for the next 7 sessions are:

- April 18th and 25th
- May 2nd, 9th and 23rd
- June 6th and 13th

School trip

Our next school trip for Year 3 will be to the London Central Mosque at Regents Park on Thursday 16th May. This trip will enhance our RE topic on Islam. The class will travel by public transport and further details about this trip 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.

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

Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 8.50am - Start of Summer Term 1

Friday 3rd May 2024 - Celebration Worship (in school hall)

Monday 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 10th May 2024 - Year 3 cake/bake sale

Saturday 11th May 2024 - FoSMS Spring Ball

Thursday 16th May 2024 - Year 3 school trip to the London Central Mosque

Friday 24th May 2024 at 3.20pm - End of Summer Term 1

Monday 3rd June 2024 at 8.50am - Start of Summer 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

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,

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