



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

Summer Term 1, April 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I trust that you all had a wonderful Easter holiday! Year 4 have an exciting half term ahead. This term in RE, our class have an exciting opportunity to take a trip to the St Paul's Cathedral to build more of an understanding of why people of a Christian faith go on pilgrimages. Children will also have the opportunity to walk up to the Dome to practice their own pilgrimage reflecting on whether the journey or the destination is more important to Christians. We will shortly be finishing our rainforest topic in Geography before beginning our History topic, looking at Anglo-Saxons! Furthermore, we will be investigating the functions of animals and humans; exploring how the digestive system works, including teeth; the children will be in for an interesting experiment following this ... In English we will be exploring the wonderful book; 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' by Jeannie Baker which focuses on the timelessness of the natural environment and the wonders of the rainforest. This will lead the children into independent research for their own information boards on the rainforests.

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 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.

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. Children have a spare copy of this in their tidy-trays.

- **Times Tables:** These are tested as part of home learning now, and will continue to be tested every Friday. Please ensure you take extra time to practice these at home in the lead-up to the multiplication check in June.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 15-20 minutes each morning or evening. 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. Encourage your child to have one non-fiction book and one fiction book between home and school!
- **Maths:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with Mathletics and should take on average 30-40 minutes.
- **English:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and handed in the following Wednesday. English tasks should take on average 30-40 minutes.

Diary dates

Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 8.50am - Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday 24th April - Flute lessons begin
Monday 29th April 2024 - Trip to St. Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 30th April 2.00-2.30pm - Parent Volunteer Induction Meeting
Friday 3rd May 2024 - Celebration Worship (in school hall)
Monday 6st May 2024 - Bank Holiday (school closed)
Saturday 11th May - FoSMS Great Gatsby Fundraising Ball
Friday 24th May, 2024 - Last day of Summer Term 1
Monday 3rd June 2024 at 8.50am - Start of Summer 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/>

Kindest regards,

Miss Dupen
Ms Donlon