



St. Mary's C.E. School, Putney

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Summer 1, April 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

We have so many exciting things planned for this term. We are looking forward to our visit from professional Author Dinah Orji, who will be talking to us about our new class novel, *Children of the Benin Kingdom* that is linked to our new History topic, The Kingdom of Benin.

Our new focus text in English will be *The Paperbag Prince* by Colin Thompson. Whilst exploring this text, Year 5 will be looking into the environmental impact of waste and waste disposal. The topic will culminate in the children writing a piece of persuasive writing to encourage others to reduce their waste.

Furthermore, in DT we will be designing and sewing our much-anticipated soft toys!

Please note, this half term, PE will be taking place on Mondays and Fridays, PE will no longer be taking place on a Wednesday. This is because we have a specialist cricket coach joining us for the half term.

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@lgflmail.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.

The Curriculum

Your child will continue to follow the national curriculum's Upper Key Stage Two programme of study.

To view the Year 5 curriculum intent please see the Year 5 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.

PE Arrangements

This half term your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Friday**. 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 then bring school uniform to change into and after school bring PE kit to get changed into.

Home Learning

Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be 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, to be handed in remotely on Wednesday

Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday

Reading: Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening

Times Tables: Tested on Friday

Home learning will not be set during holidays

Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th April - Author Visit

Thursday 25th April - DT Day

Tuesday 16th April - First day of Summer Term

Friday 3rd May - Celebration Worship @ 9.15am in the school hall

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Saturday 11th May - FoSMS Summer Ball

Friday 25th May Finish for Half Term

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 5 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: Class2018@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/>

Wishing you all the best for the half term ahead!

Kindest regards,
Ms Hesketh