



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 1: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn Term 2, November 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I hope that you all had a fun and restful half term break and that the children are ready for another packed half term. The children have all worked hard to settle into the new routines and expectations and are doing a fantastic job meeting the Year 1 expectations. Thank you for all your support in this - they have already come so far and I hope that they will continue to grow and progress over this half term. The children are excited about our new learning and are tackling all tasks and challenges with enthusiasm. Long may this continue!

The Curriculum

To view the Year 1 curriculum intent please see the Year 1 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>

We will continue to follow the content outlined in the autumn term.

School Trip

This half term, we will be going on a local trip to explore how changing seasons affect the world around us. More details to follow.

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 Miss Cheryl Payne. Her contact email is: dsl@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk.

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.

PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Your child should 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 THURSDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

Home Learning Arrangements

Home Learning will be set on a **Friday** and will be due the following **Wednesday**.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Physical copies of Spelling cards will be sent home after the first spelling test (15th November 2024). Weekly spellings are tested on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child brings their spelling card to school on a **Friday** so that we can mark down their score for you to see how they did and what they might need to work on.
- **Dictation:** Dictation cards will be sent home the week **after** spelling cards and are to be completed by the following Wednesday. The due dates are written on the cards to help you! Please do not go ahead. The dictation helps us to see what your child has been able to retain and what we might need to go over again so please do not let your child see the card before writing and please do leave in any mistakes that your child might make.
- **Grammar:** reinforcement sheets will be sent home during the week, for the children to complete and to let you know what we have been covering in class. These are for your reference and do not need to be returned.
- **Reading:** We expect that children will read aloud every night for at least 10 minutes. Inside the front and back covers of the books, there are useful questions to ask your child to probe their understanding of the text. Please refer to these before, during and after reading together.
- Reading folders should be brought into school every day in order to enable us to read with your child at school as well. Every child will read with an adult (whether the class teacher, teaching assistant or a volunteer) every week. Every child will read with the class teacher every two weeks and a comment will be written in their Reading Record book. This will either take place in a group guided shared reading session or individually (depending on your child's reading needs).
- Reading books are changed on a **Wednesday evening**. We will keep reading folders overnight on a Wednesday and they will be returned home every **Thursday** after book change. Please ensure that you write in the Reading Record when your child needs new books, otherwise they will not be changed! Books are changed, if requested, on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**. We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this.
- **Maths:** This will be set on **Friday** via Mathletics. Your child will be set a task on Mathletics which should be completed by the following **Wednesday**. Please let me know if you need to be sent your login details.

Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 6th November 2024** - Individual School Photos
- **Thursday 8th November 2024 at 8pm** - FOSM Quiz Night (Winchester House Ballroom)
- **Friday 9th November 2024** - Year 1 Cake Sale
- **Friday 8th November 2024** - **Launch of Cut Your Carbon Month** - please support your child to take action to cut their carbon footprint by doing as many of the 6 suggestions on the letter sent home.
- **Friday 15th November 2024** - Anti-Bullying Day 1 Odd Socks Day! All child can wear odd socks to school
- **Friday 29th November 2024 at 9.10am** - Celebration Worship (in school hall)
- **Saturday 30th November 2024** - FOSM Christmas Event
- **Sunday 1st December 2024** - Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
- **4th - 5th December 2024** - Progress in Learning meetings
- **Saturday 7th December 2024 at 8pm** - FOSM Movie Night
- **Wednesday 11th December 2024** - KS1/KS2 Dick Whittington Pantomime (in school hall)
- **Thursday 19th December 2024** - EYFS/KS1 Nativity at St Mary's Church at 9.45-10.45
- **Friday 20th December 2024** - Christmas Jumper Day

- **Friday 20th December 2024 at 2.30pm** - Last day of term
- **Monday 6th January 2025** - Staff INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- **Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 8.45am** - First day of the spring term (**Children to wear PE kits to school**)

Show and Tell -

This half term our focus is poetry. I will add dates for performances of poems on to teams. Please help your child to learn a poem. Either one of their choice or one from the selection that I will add on teams.

It is a statutory requirement in the National Curriculum that children learn to recite poems from heart. Learning to retell a poem from memory is challenging and with this in mind the selected poems have been chosen for their use or rhythm, rhyme and imagery. Encourage your child to perform their poem by perhaps using movement, gestures and/or changing the level of their voices.

Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or to inform us of other matters relating to your child (e.g., if your child is being collected by someone who does not usually collect them), then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 1 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the PACT e-mail. 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: Class2023@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/>

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Kindest regards,
Miss McCarthy and Mrs Liori