



## 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 2: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring Term 2, March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had restful and peaceful half term break and are looking forward to the remainder of the Spring Term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both yourselves and the children for the warm welcome I have received since joining St Mary's. The children have settled in well to the new half term and are approaching their learning with enthusiasm and a keenness to achieve their goals.

#### The Curriculum

To view the Year 2 curriculum intent please see the Year 2 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 section of the overview.

I am also pleased to share that in English we will be exploring Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis and The Journey Home by Frann Preston-Gannon, which will be used as a stimulus for our writing. Our guided reading sessions this term will follow a whole class reading approach. During these sessions we will be focusing on Lost Species by Jess French and There's a Rang-Tang in My Bedroom by James Sellick and Fran-Preston Gannon.

If it can be avoided, please do not read these books at home just yet as we will be introducing them slowly in class and want to avoid children being at different points in the story. If your children are already familiar with either of these texts please do not worry, they will still get plenty from the lessons.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk).

#### PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Tuesday** however due to timetable changes the second session of the week will now take place on a **Wednesday**. 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

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

### Home Learning

All home learning is set on Friday to be returned/completed by the following **Wednesday**

**Maths:** Children to complete assigned tasks in home learning books

**Dictation:** Dictation covers the spelling sound/pattern from the previous week to check that your child can recall the spelling rule and not just rote learn for the test. 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:** Children to complete assigned tasks in home learning books.

**Handwriting:** Handwriting reinforcement is to be completed using the Letter Join online program ([login/username: st-marys-putney\\_2](#) [password: felsham2](#)). Please choose an appropriate letter pattern each week, to suite your child's ability. In class we are focusing on correct posture for handwriting, basic pattern formation and horizontal and diagonal joins.

**Spelling:** Spelling is 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.

**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 week, all children will read with an adult (whether the class teacher, teaching assistant or a volunteer) either during a Guided Reading session or individually (depending on your child's reading needs). All children will read with the class teacher every other week during a Guided Reading session. 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 a new book has been issued. Please ensure that you write in the Reading Record when your child needs new books, otherwise unfortunately we will be unable to change them. Books are changed, if requested, on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**. We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this. Any other comments or feedback regarding your child's reading is always welcome via the online PACT book.

**Home learning will not be set during holidays**

#### Diary dates

**Friday 6th March**

Reception Cake Sale

**Thursday 12th March**

Y3 Godly Play

**Friday 13th March**

Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's Church YR - Y6

Nursery Mother's Day Celebration at School 2.30pm

Nursery Cake Sale

**Tuesday 17th March**

Spring Music Concert - 5pm (KS2 Pupils)

**Wednesday 18th March**

Whole School Photograph

**Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th March**

Progress in learning meetings

**Thursday 19th March**

DT Day 4

**Friday 20th March**

Comic Relief

**Monday 23rd March**

SEND Parent meetings with Mrs Dunford available

**Wednesday 23th March**

Spring Flute and Recorder Concert - 2.15pm in the Hall

**Friday 27th March**

Celebration Worship - 9.15am

Last Day of Term. **Term ends at 2.30pm**

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 2 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: [Class2023@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2023@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Ms Nam and Mrs. Ford