



## St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

### Year 4: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 2 February/March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to welcome the children back these last two weeks. Excitingly, we are beginning a new scheme for reading and writing in our curriculum. Literacy Tree provides exciting texts and engaging lesson threads to explore big themes and ideas whilst progressing the children's reading and writing skills in line with the National Curriculum. I am personally loving planning it and the children, so far, have loved the lessons. We're already diving into our new books in class, 'Tar Beach' and 'The Undefeated'.

In maths, we are progressing our learning into 'area' and the introduction of fractions. Please keep pushing times tables at home as we are seeing children who are already automatic in their tables, seem to find the learning easier in class. In geography, we are learning about human migration examining why people move around the world. RE focuses on lent and the build up to Easter and why it is important for Christians. You will shortly be receiving letters about upcoming school trips for the summer term. Again, if you are able to volunteer and have a school DBS and volunteer induction completed, do let me know after you receive the letter, and I will offer on a first come basis on rotation.

#### 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 Spring Term.

#### PE Arrangements

PE lessons 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 then bring school uniform to change into. For after school clubs, children should bring PE kit to get changed into.

Tuesday lessons will continue to build on last term's Gymnastics with Mr Phillips whilst on Thursdays, PE lessons will focus on 'netball'.

## Home Learning

The majority of home learning will be set in books but is also available via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child has access to Microsoft Teams, including knowing their username and password.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

Home Learning
<b>English:</b> Set on <b>THURSDAY</b> via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following <b>TUESDAY</b> . 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 30-45 minutes.
<b>Maths:</b> Set on <b>THURSDAY</b> via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following <b>TUESDAY</b> . Most maths home learning will link with the work done in class. This should take on average 30-40 minutes.
<b>Reading:</b> Daily - <u>to be listened to by an adult</u> for at least 10-15 minutes each day - if possible. Children should read their book borrowed from the class book corner, school library, or one from home. - Reading records - A journal entry should be completed at least four times a week. <b>Prizes are awarded to records with four record entries per week.</b>
<b>Spellings:</b> Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term showing each week's spellings to learn. These weekly spellings will typically be set on Monday and tested in school on Friday. This half terms sheet is <b>yellow</b> to avoid any mix ups.
<b>Times Tables:</b> <u>Please practice regularly using their booklets-</u> in Year 4 children will be required to learn times tables facts up to 12x12. Additional practice at home is helpful to help children be able to recall facts automatically.
<b>Optional Home learning may be set during the holidays.</b>

## 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-school.putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@st-marys-school.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).

Dates for your Diary

**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

Year 4 Geography Walk around Putney High Street

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 6 team. As always, the best way to do this is using your child's 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 [Class2021@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2021@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)

We look forward to another very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mr Steinitz and Mrs Flavin