



**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**

**Summer Term 1, April 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer Term ahead. The children have started the term with great enthusiasm and vigor. They are really looking forward to the exciting topics we have planned for them this term as well as a range of educational visits/workshops.

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 Summer Term section of the overview.

I am also pleased to share that in English we will be exploring, *Ocean Meets Sky* by Eric and Terry Fan and *The Owl and the Pussy Cat* by Edward Lear and Charlotte Voake 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 *Eric* by Shaun Tan and *The Ride by Nights* by Walter de la Mare.

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 Mr James Phillips. Contact email for any concerns can be sent to: [info@st-marys-school.putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:info@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).

### PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Tuesday** and **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 WEDNESDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY

### 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 suit 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. 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

- 13<sup>th</sup> April - Term Starts
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Last Year 3 Swimming
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Y2 Trip to Words and Wonders Event
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - Whole School Celebration Worship 9.15am
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - Y6 Cake Sale
- 27<sup>th</sup> April - Year 1 and 2 Spring Concert - 9am (Main Hall)
- 30<sup>th</sup> April - Drama4All workshop - N, R, 1, 2
- 1<sup>st</sup> May - Year 5 Cake Sale
- 4<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY
- 8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 Cake Sale
- 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 Godly Play
- 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 Cake Sale
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Celebration Worship 9.15am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 2 Cake Sale

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 please 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 half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Ms Diane Nam and Mrs Irene Ford