



## 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 3: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

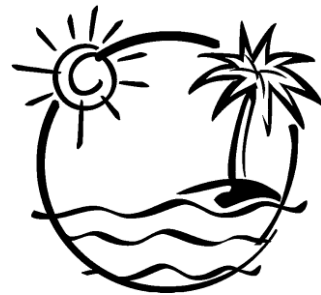
Summer Term 2, June 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Thank you all for your support over this academic year - we have now reached the final term and the learning and fun doesn't stop just yet... a very busy and action-packed last half-term awaits!

But first, I'd like to take this opportunity to say that your children have been a pleasure to teach and have continued to impress. They have all acquired new skills and have had a smashing year of success!

The curriculum planned for Year 3 this half of the summer term includes work on time, measurement, angles and properties of shapes in maths; both story writing and persuasive writing in English; learning about light and plants in science; finding out more about the Islam religion in RE; creating wikis in computing lessons; and for history the class will learn about the Shang dynasty. Our PSHE topic on 'Changing Me' will look at how babies grow and the changes caused by puberty as humans grow. More information about the teaching of this topic in PSHE can be found below.



#### The Curriculum

To view the Year 3 curriculum intent please see the Year 3 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.

#### PSHE - teaching sex and relationships education

In this final half of the summer term the class will be taught the topic 'Changing Me' as part of their PSHE lessons. These lessons will cover how babies grow and how boys' and girls' bodies change as they grow older (introduction to puberty and menstruation). If you would like to read our school policy on how we teach this part of our PSHE curriculum, please click the link below:  
<https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/curriculum-subjects/sex-and-relationship-education-sre/>

#### Swimming

Our final swimming lessons at Putney Leisure Centre are 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June. The children have been simply amazing throughout these sessions and I am so proud of everyone's achievements! A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who have supported with our school walking bus and helping out in the changing rooms - your help has been much appreciated!

#### Trip to Holly Lodge

Year 3 will participate in a class trip to the Holly Lodge Outdoor Learning Centre in Richmond Park on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June as part of the school's work on sustainability. Further details about this trip will be sent home in due course.

#### Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Sports Day for the whole of KS2 will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Further details about this event will be sent home nearer the time.

### Year 3 Cake Sale Fundraising

Many thanks for all your support over the year in fundraising for the class - the money raised has been used to benefit your children with the following: Mothering Sunday crafts, Easter crafts and the last bit in the pot will be used to buy a selection of new fiction and non-fiction texts for Guided Reading.

### PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Monday** and **Tuesday**. 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 MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

### Home learning arrangements

The majority of home learning will be set as an assignment via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child has access to Microsoft Teams, including knowing their username and password. You might need to support your child at first, especially with navigating the platform and meeting the deadlines for completion and submission.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term showing each week's spellings to learn. A copy will be given to each child to go between home and school. A copy will also be posted on Microsoft Teams. These weekly spellings will typically be set on Monday and tested in school on Friday.
- **Times Tables:** Please practice regularly - in Year 3 children will be required to learn times tables facts up to 12x12. A times tables practice booklet will be given to each child to go between home and school and will focus on one set of times tables at a time. The booklet will also include related division facts. When reading each multiplication fact, children should say the larger multiplicand/multiplier first, for example, the fact  $2 \times 5 = 10$  should be read as five twos are ten.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 10-15 minutes each morning or evening - if possible. Children should read their book borrowed from the class book corner or school library. Pages completed, along with any comments, should be written in your child's Reading Record Book and signed off by parent/carer. Once a book is finished your child is encouraged to complete a book review and return it to get a book changed.
- **Maths:** Set on Friday afternoon via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with the work done in class and will consist of completing activities and quests on Mathletics, as well as a couple of reasoning and problem solving questions. This should take on average 30-40 minutes.
- **English:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. 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 50-60 minutes.

### Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Kerry Dunford. Her contact email is: [kdunford.212@lgflmail.org](mailto:kdunford.212@lgflmail.org). For any safeguarding concerns 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).

### Communication

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: [Class2020@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2020@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/>

Diary Dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 8.50am - Start of Summer Term 2

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Celebration Worship (in school hall)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Whole School Mufti Day for Summer Thank You Party

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Year 3 Trip to Holly Lodge, Richmond Park

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 - Anti-Bullying Day Part 3

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 3.20pm - 5.00pm FoSMS Summer Thank You Party

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Celebration Worship (in school hall); Annual Reports sent home

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1.45pm and 6.00pm - KS2 Performance of *Pirates of the Curry Bean!*

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 9.45am - Year 6 Leavers Service at St. Mary's Church

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 - End of Summer Term 2\*

*\*Please note: the school finishes at the earlier time of 2.30pm on this last day!*

Kindest regards,

Mr Lett