

YEAR ONE CLASS NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's, we hope that you and your family enjoyed a wonderful and peaceful Easter break. The children have settled well back into the school routines and we can't believe that we are already beginning our final term together – but as you will see we have many exciting learning opportunities to look forward to over the next three months. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their Home Learning every week and reads every day with you will continue to help your child to make accelerated progress and reach their full potential.

Curriculum

We will continue our Maths and Literacy learning by building on the key skills that the children learned last term. Our topics this term will be 'Far From Home' and 'Wild World'. We will be delivering a lot of the learning in Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology through our topics, with links to the learning in Literacy and Maths. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in our curriculum.

<p>English</p> 	<p>In English, we will be learning the stories of 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' and 'Black-Eyed Bill'. We will be using this as inspiration to help us write our own stories. In addition, we will be learning how to write a letter/post card. Within both genres we will carry on learning about punctuation. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to use capital letters, full stops, exclamation and question marks with greater accuracy. We will be launching our Spelling Bee competition before half-term, so please continue to practise your Spellings every week.</p>
<p>Phonics and Reading</p> 	<p>Phonics will be taught daily every morning and spellings to learn at home will be set on Purple Mash on a weekly basis. These will be tested each week. We will be reading daily as a class. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This half term we will be focusing on 'Numbers and Place Value', 'Measure' and 'Multiplication'. We will be learning how to count and order numbers to 100, measure and compare capacity and also count in 2s, 5s and 10s and make equal groups. Later this term, we will be learning about division, fractions, time and money. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to be able to share a number of objects equally, tell the time to the nearest hour and recognise and know the value of different coins and notes.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>In RE, we will be learning about Islam. We will focus on what it means to be a Muslim and we will look at practices and ways of life in Islam. Later this term we will be learning about why it is good to listen to and remember the stories that Jesus told. Throughout both units we will be making simple comparisons between the different faiths that we know about.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>In Science, we will be learning about everyday materials and sort them into different groups. We will also look at the properties of materials and classify them accordingly. In Summer 2 we will be taking the children on an exciting trip to Mudchute farm to learn about farm animals. In Geography, we will be learning about the world's five oceans and developing an understanding that each continent is made up of different countries.</p>
<p>Values</p> 	<p>We will be focusing on the whole school values of Responsibility and Faith. We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories and influential figures.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>In Computing, we will be learning about ways in which technology helps us in our everyday lives. We will consider how technological devices help us to communicate with each other and how some devices have special sensors.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>The children will be listening to, appraising and composing music using a scheme of work called 'Music Express', where we will be learning songs about travel and animals and using percussion instruments.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work in our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education). This term we will be learning about 'Relationships' and 'Changing me'</p>

Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024

- Trip to Mudchute farm-20th June
- **Thursday 2nd May – SCHOOL CLOSED (POLLING STATION FOR MAYORAL ELECTIONS)**
- **Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 20th – Friday 24th May – National Walk to School Week
- Wednesday 22nd May 9:00AM - Pentecost and Eucharist Worship at St Mary's Church
- **Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM**
- Wednesday 12th June 9:00AM – Fathers' Day Worship in School
- **Friday 14th June – INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th June – Aspiration Week
- Friday 28th June – Science Day
- Monday 1st – Friday 5th July – Health Week
- Fri 5th July - Sports Day at Ladywell Arena (EYFS & KS1 in the morning)
- Fri 12th July – End of year School reports sent home to parents and carers
- **Friday 19th July – 1:00PM – END OF TERM**
- Wednesday 4th September 8:40AM - Children return to school for the New School Year

Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:40) and end (3:10) of the school day
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child, including that person's phone number (for identification purposes)



PE

Please note that the children must bring the correct PE kit (plain navy blue/black jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plain black plimsolls/trainers) to every PE lesson. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in the PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Tuesdays.**



Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewellery to school although plain stud earrings are acceptable. Please bear in mind that if your child is wearing earrings they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons.

Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform, PE kit and coats. School shoes should be plain and black.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the learning set, your children should be regularly practising their times tables, spellings and reading every day.

There is a clear expectation that every child fully completes their Home Learning every week and we will be keeping a record and contacting parents where this is not the case.

Reading

It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading journal and ensure that they bring it into school **daily**. Your child will be given books, which we will aim to change on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns or would like some support with this, then please contact the school.

Appointments - If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk

We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

Mrs S Chetri (Class Teacher) Mrs A Dikule (Teaching Assistant)