

# YEAR 2 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 story of <u>Mr. Gumpy's Outing</u>. We will be writing different types of openings and endings. We will continue to practise using apostrophes for possession and contractions. Next, we will learn the story <u>Where the Wild Things Are</u>. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to choose powerful adjectives, adverbs and verbs for their writing. 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 sent home on a weekly basis. These will be tested each week. We will be reading daily as a class. <b>Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record.</b></p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This half term we will be focusing on fractions (finding halves, quarters and thirds). We will also be learning to tell the time. In the second half of the term, we will be learning how to describe position and interpret statistics. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to solve problems using efficient methods.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>In RE, we will be learning what it means to be a Muslim. We will also be thinking about why it is good to listen and remember the stories Jesus told.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>We will be exploring the properties of everyday materials. We will specifically be thinking about materials used in travel. Next half term we will be learning more about animals and their habitats.</p>
	<p>We will be focusing on the whole school values of <b>Responsibility</b> and <b>Faith</b>. 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 the role of technology in our lives.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>The children will learn to use a variety of new percussion instruments, including boomwhackers.</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 our relationships with our friends and family and how we change as we get older.</p>

## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – SCHOOL CLOSED (POLLING STATION FOR MAYORAL ELECTIONS)**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – National Walk to School Week
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9:00AM - Pentecost and Eucharist Worship at St Mary's Church
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 9:00AM – Fathers' Day Worship in School
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June- class trip to Mudchute Farm**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Aspiration Week
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Science Day
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Health Week
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day at Ladywell Arena (EYFS & KS1 in the morning)
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – End of year School reports sent home to parents and carers
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1:00PM – END OF TERM**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk)

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

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