



SHENFIELD ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

This term our topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. The company History Off the Page have been invited to host a special day for the children on Wednesday 4th October when they will take part in a range of activities linked to the topic and travel back in history to the time of the Great Fire and experience life as an everyday Londoner. To enhance the children's experiences we would like them to come in costume as a Londoner during the Tudor period. Further details and costume suggestions are on the Google Classroom. If you would like to help at either the morning or afternoon session on this day, please let your class teacher know. We will become history detectives to determine how the fire started, why it burnt for so long, how it was eventually stopped and who should be blamed for it. As part of our Science lessons, we will also be exploring materials and investigating which would be the best to make a tent from.

This year, we are continuing to use Google Classroom to set homework every Friday which will need to be completed by the following Wednesday. We will be sending home CGP Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Reading Comprehension books which can be completed at home, we will direct you to the pages we would like your child to focus upon. We really appreciate you taking the time to support your child with their homework. Please use the answer pages at the back of the books to tick and mark the pages and go through any misconceptions before submitting the photograph. For maths, the children will be set either a weekly task on MyMaths or an activity that will be uploaded to their Google Classroom page. Spellings will be tested every week on a Thursday. Occasionally topics tasks and projects will be set to link in with our classwork. Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions regarding homework.

Please continue to hear your child read daily for 15 minutes and sign and date the reading record. They will bring home three school books each week, although we encourage them to read additional books from home as they develop their independent reading skills. These can also be recorded in their reading record books. The children have either a phonic or colour banded book that they are expected to read independently. The fiction and non fiction are for sharing together at home. They will soon be in a routine with guided reading and know which day they need to have their books in school ready to change them.

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. On these days the children need to wear their PE kit to school. They also need to bring their trainers to school to wear for the Daily Mile. These will be kept in school. If your child has pierced ears, please make sure that they do not wear their earrings to school on PE days.

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We have many special events lined up this term. Great Fire of London day Wednesday 4th October, whole school Harvest Thursday 28th September, Prayer Space, drama workshop and house days. One of the highlights of Year 2 is the classes leading the annual Christmas Nativity, which is on Wednesday 13th December alongside other Christmas celebrations. Please keep an eye out for the dates on the school newsletter.

We look forward to teaching your children and working with you. If you have any queries please speak to your class teacher in the playground or send a message via the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Rolland and Mrs Hodder