



## SHENFIELD ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely, peaceful Christmas break and the children are rested and ready for an exciting term ahead.

### Spring Term

We have planned a busy term full of a variety of different activities which cover all areas of the curriculum. Our theme this term is 'Paddington's Adventures'. We will begin with our 'Stunning Starter' introducing Paddington Bear. Through this topic we will be exploring and learning about the different countries of Great Britain and their capital cities. As we discover each country, we will learn about traditions, buildings and landmarks, geographical features and the variety of animals, birds and fish that live in and around the shores. As we learn all about Paddington we will be designing him a new sandwich to eat as our Marvellous Middle. We hope we will be able to persuade him to eat a sandwich more delicious than his favourite marmalade sandwich!

### Forest School

Year 1 have the wonderful opportunity to go to Forest School this term. The children take part in a variety of outdoor learning activities and develop skills independently, whilst exploring the natural world. The sessions will start after February half term and will be for half a day each week. These will take place on a site near school and the children will walk to the site. For this they will need to wear layers of clothing and welly boots are a must! We will let you know when the dates are confirmed and more information will follow.

### PE

There will be a slight change to our PE days for the first half term. We will be having outdoor PE sessions led by Madi from West Ham on Tuesdays which will replace our normal Monday lesson. Our indoor PE days will continue to be on Wednesday for Butterfly and Friday for Bumblebee. Please remember that earrings must be removed for PE and that trainers will be kept in school for the daily mile which we do on most days.

### Homework

The children will continue to receive homework on a Friday which needs to be handed in the following Wednesday. All information will be on Google Classroom. Please keep reading with your children and encouraging them to use their prosody and comprehension skills in their reading books.

We hope this will be a fun term for the children. It is certainly one that we as Year 1 teachers will particularly enjoy!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Peck and Mrs James



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