



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

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Dear Parents.

Year 1

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

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 a great opportunity to go to Forest School during a morning at school this term. The sessions will start after February half term. The classes will go on alternate weeks. The children take part in a variety of outdoor learning activities and develop skills independently. 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

Our PE days will continue to be on Monday for both classes, Wednesday for Barn Owl and Thursday for Kestrel. A reminder that earrings must be removed for PE. The children will be going outside on a Monday for their PE lesson so will need to be wearing a tracksuit. Remember trainers will be kept in school for the daily mile which we do on most days.

Homework

The children will receive homework on a Friday which needs to be handed in the following Wednesday. All information will be on our class pages.

The homework will consist of:

- A set of spellings which the children will be regularly tested on in a variety of ways.
- Two activities related to what we are covering or will be covering in class.
- A project to be completed half-termly.

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 Butler & Mrs James



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