



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are entering our second term in the school year already; time does fly by! We hope you have had a chance to spend some quality time as a family over the holidays. The children worked incredibly hard last term despite periodically having to become a short term bubble. They were determined to do their best and impressed us with just how adaptable they are even when having to isolate and work from home. We know that they will continue to impress us as we start our spring term.

Our new topic for the term is 'Stig of the Dump'. We will be studying the book in detail, particularly in our weekly comprehension lessons. If you happen to have a copy at home, it will be very useful for the children to have their own copy. We do have copies in school but not quite enough for every child. As well as this, the children will look at many aspects of the curriculum linked to the Stone Age. It will be very interesting to educate the children in this part of history and we hope they will gain a great understanding of this era. Additionally, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we very much hope that despite Covid, the children will still be able to attend our school trip to Celtic Harmony. This all takes place outdoors, including lunch and will be Covid safe as they have put in all the appropriate safety measures. The visit helps the children to develop their knowledge of the Stone Age within a realistic setting.

On a more practical note, to help your children to come to school fully prepared for the week ahead, they need to wear their PE/Games kit to school on a Tuesday and Friday. They have been asked to bring their trainers to school, in a small bag, to hang on their coat peg. They will then be able to change into their trainers when we do the Daily Mile. On PE days, they are to come to school in their school shoes and change into their trainers for their PE lesson. Please remember to name all kit and to remove earrings. (The children must be able to do this themselves. If they are struggling, please don't send them into school with earrings in on their PE days).

As far as homework is concerned, this will continue in the same format as last term with the children completing one project each half term. Look out for the work which is set weekly via Google Classrooms. This is always posted on Friday after school and will inform you of the pages set from the CGP English book as well as their weekly spellings. For maths, the homework will still be set via Mymaths or occasionally worksheets. Please encourage your child to read the feedback comments on the Mymaths so they can respond to them if they need to. Please ensure that your child completes these each week as well as their project by the deadline stated. Your child's homework will be looked at each week. We do encourage that you continue to support your child when they complete their CGP homework and therefore, we do ask that you mark it to identify misconceptions. For year five, we do need the homework to be completed by Thursday.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Gupta, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Good and Mrs. Stark



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