



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year. We have an exciting Spring term planned for the children, whilst starting to prepare them for the SATS in May. We hope you have had a chance to spend some quality time as a family and the children have all had a well-earned rest.

For the Year 6 children, the spring term is always incredibly busy, building on the foundations we have built in the autumn. This term we return to an old favourite: 'Life for Children during World War Two' and we will be focusing much of our literacy and humanities work around the book 'Goodnight Mr Tom.' We will be developing the children's understanding of life during World War Two on the 'Home Front' along with an appreciation of the pivotal events surrounding this period of history. We hope to visit Duxford Imperial War Museum in March, but are waiting to hear from them as to whether our choices of date can be accommodated.

Much of our focus remains on the core curriculum subjects, which will be assessed in the summer term. Please ensure that your child continues to read daily and that you read with them as often as possible. Of course, homework continues, so please ensure that any tasks are completed by the Thursday of each week. As teachers, we cannot emphasise enough how important it is to mark homework with your child so that misconceptions can be dealt with immediately, and we are incredibly grateful to those of you who have been doing this since September.

In maths, we will continue to work on developing children's problem-solving and reasoning skills. It is important that children are able to articulate their learning and explain their methods, rather than simply arrive at the final answer. Science topics this term will include: 'Classifying Critters' (looking at the plant and animal kingdoms) and 'Staying Alive' (looking at the circulatory system, the effect of exercise on the body and the dangers of drug use). Merlin Class will present their understanding of the circulatory system in their class-led worship on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023; all parents are cordially invited.

Our PE days continue to be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon; children should wear their PE kit to school on these days. Our annual whole-school cross-country event will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Judd and Mrs Jessop



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