



SHENFIELD ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It is truly wonderful to have the children back in school. The classrooms are full of children's voices and the school seems to be alive once again! The children have come in with many stories of their summer holidays and it sounds like they had fun.

This term our topic is entitled *Exciting Egyptians*. The children have already wrapped each other in reams of tissue to replicate mummies as part of their Stunning Starter. Make sure you check the class pages for some entertaining photos! Although it is essentially a historical topic, the children will focus more than ever before on the geographical location and The River Nile as a means of growing crops and farming. We will also be looking at the process of mummification which links to our science topic of 'Food and Our Bodies.' We will begin by looking at teeth and their anatomy, moving on to look at the importance of a healthy diet, before finishing with a rather memorable lesson about the digestive system! I'm sure they will come home with plenty of disgusting facts for you all! Apologies in advance.

Communication

We will continue to use Google Classroom, for homework only. Marvellous Me is an app that we use to send you achievements, individual successes and green cards. Any further communication and updates will be sent to you via email.

Homework

Children will be sent home with a CGP book for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. We will indicate the pages for children to complete at home. Please mark these with your child prior to submitting it on Google Classroom (answers can be found at the back of the book). The children will also be set tasks for Maths and a project. Spellings for the term are all on one document, featuring the spelling test date, spelling focus and the vocabulary to practise at home. Homework will be sent on Friday and we will need you to send it back to us by the following Wednesday.

Your child will have been sent home with a yellow reading diary. We would ask that your child reads to an adult for a minimum of ten minutes a day and that you make a note of this in their diary. Although the children are keen to impress and read by themselves, they also need to practise answering questions about what they have read and discuss this thoroughly. This task cannot be managed by the children alone. Try to encourage your child to read aloud as much as possible to improve their expression and fluency. Additionally, the children will continue their times table knowledge this year. At present, the children will have needed to learn their x2, x5 and x10 times tables and in this academic year, children will be taught x3, x4 and x8 (multiplication and division facts). Once these multiplications in our maths lessons have been taught, we will set them various times tables to learn each week along with the spellings.

PE

PE kits are to be worn to school on PE days. For the **first half term**, we are very excited to announce that we are working alongside West-Ham United professionals to assist with our outdoor PE lessons on **Tuesdays**. Our indoor PE lessons will be on **Fridays**. **After half term**, PE lessons will change to our set days for the year: **Mondays and Fridays**.

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We are continuing to do the Daily Mile, therefore, please can all children have a pair of black trainers that are to be kept in school. Earrings must be removed for PE and cannot be taped.

Events

Thursday 17th November we are having an Egyptian day as our Marvellous Middle. We have organised a hands on workshop to help us have a greater understanding of life in Ancient Egypt. **This is a dress up day** therefore all children will need to wear an Egyptian costume to school. More details and ideas will be given to you nearer the time.

Also this term we will be celebrating Harvest with our school community, supporting Year 4 with singing in the Christmas production and “giving racism the red card” during our House Day. Children can wear red clothes on this day. Keep an eye out for details on future school newsletters.

We look forward to meeting you in person at our Meet the Teacher evening on **Tuesday 20th September** this year.

Some additional dates for your diaries for the Autumn term:

House days:

Tuesday 18th October (Children to wear red)

Thursday 1st December – Christmas special

Thursday 8th December - Year 3 & 4 Christmas production (2 performances)

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Rogers & Mrs Chudley



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