



SHENFIELD ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We are certainly hitting the ground running; the children are busy working hard and the final preparations are being made for our residential trip to Flatford. The trip will provide core learning linked to our topic which will in turn, feed into other areas of the curriculum too. The children have already begun to develop their geographical skills which they will be able to enhance in a very practical way whilst we are away.

Turtle Class will be leading their class worship on Friday 6th October. You are more than welcome to attend. Flatford, Harvest Festival and a class worship in three consecutive weeks – good luck Turtle! We are sure you will rise to the challenge! Other dates for the diary this term include the Christmas themed House Day on Friday 1st December, the Year 5/6 Christmas Party is Friday 15th December, the pantomime on Monday 18th December and of course, Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December.

Also a House morning will take place on Friday 13th October. We ask that the children wear either blue, green, yellow or red. Children may wish to dress in their house colours or select a different colour for the day. More details will follow when the theme is finalised.

On a more practical note, we are continuing to ask the children to come to school in their PE kits rather than changing within the school day. In Year 5, their PE days are Tuesday and Friday. We kindly remind you that all earrings should be removed. The children must be able to do this themselves as their ears cannot be taped.

Homework in Year 5 will be set on a Friday and must be submitted on Google Classroom by the following Wednesday morning. The children will be set homework in a CGP SPAG book. We would appreciate if you could mark this using the answers at the back of the book. For the majority of the maths homework, the children will also be given a CGP Maths book. These books are differentiated depending on their ability. On rare occasions, tasks will be set on MyMaths. The children will be sent home with a letter with their log in details. These will be the same as in previous years but you may need a reminder. In addition to this they will have weekly spellings to learn and these will be tested the following Thursday along with their times tables. Each half term they will be set one project which links in with an area of our curriculum in class. Additionally, the children will be expected to read for at least twenty minutes a day which needs recording in their purple reading diary. The reading book and diary should be brought into school each day too.

With the subject of reading in mind, the children will be introduced to the concept of comprehension. The children will be sent home with an additional reading book. They will need to read certain pages or chapters as part of their weekly homework. We strongly encourage you to complete this reading with your children, ensuring that your child has a good understanding of the content. The books do have advanced language in and we know that a comprehension lesson, especially at the beginning of the academic year, can be challenging. The more time spent at home reading, the more prepared and confident the children will feel. During the lesson, the children will answer questions on the reading material set for that particular week. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask as we know this is a new concept.

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We are aware that communication can become very confusing as there are many platforms now. Homework will be set on Google Classroom and Marvellous Me will simply be used for rewards. Any correspondence from us will always be through the school admin email. We will do our best to let you know in plenty of time about various events, such as class treats and other events which occur throughout the year.

We look forward to working together and hope we have a productive and enjoyable year.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Chandler and Miss Rose