



SHENFIELD ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and had time spent as a family. Here's to 2022 being a great year for all of us.

The children had a wonderful Autumn term. They have settled very quickly from their transition from the infants to the junior part of the school. The topic *Exciting Egyptians* was very exciting indeed! The children loved learning about mummification and wrote some brilliant instructions on this subject. They also studied the Egyptian gods, creating their own *Top Trumps* game against other gods. Geographically, they looked at the importance of the River Nile as a source of agriculture and transportation for the people of Egypt and how the seasons affect farming for the Egyptians. Finally, we can't not mention that we all had a fantastic Egyptian Day; the children dressing up in their finest Egyptian outfits, re-enacting mummification, playing traditional games and going hunting with their friends.

Now, onto this term.

Topic

The new topic for year 3 this term is *The Rampaging Romans*. The children have so much to look forward to, including studying the Roman Empire and its notorious army, looking at famous landmarks such as The Circus Maximus and The Colosseum and researching the jobs of a gladiator or a charioteer during Roman times. We would like to share more with you but some things are better to be kept as a surprise!

Lastly, we have booked our school trip to Colchester Castle. This will take place on:

Thursday 24th March 2022

Maths

In maths, Year 3 will be continuing to practise their 3,4 and 8 times tables as a priority (please continue to support your child practise these times tables). Our focus will be on multiplication and division strategies followed by a revision of money, applying all operations. Any practical assistance at home when out and about regarding money will be greatly appreciated in the classroom and will help your child studying this unit.

Science

This term, children will be exploring light and magnets. They will be planning and carrying out investigations, using mirror mazes in Spring 1, and magnetic forces in Spring 2.

RE

Children will begin their Spring term with the unit named 'Gospel', which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. They will then learn about Islamic traditions and beliefs, making links between Christianity and Islam, before returning to the teachings of Christianity, studying the Year 3 unit of 'Salvation'. This is the Christian celebration of Easter.

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Also, other experiences to keep in mind this term:

- Year 3 have been given a very special opportunity to lead the Lower School Easter service.
- Class Bible worship for Seahorses and Turtles will both be this term and will be on the Christian value of generosity.

Please keep an eye on Google Classroom for further information.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hodder & Miss Rogers