



**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 and we were immensely proud of their achievements. 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. We hope to hold a 'Prehistoric Day' towards the end of the spring term to consolidate their learning. More information on this will be released in due course.

This half term, the children will be completing Forest School sessions which will be run by Miss Butler. You should have received a letter about this already but as a reminder, the sessions will take place on Wednesday. The children should arrive at school wearing appropriate clothing. Miss Butler assures us that Forest Schools will take place 'come rain or shine' and with our sessions taking place in the winter months, it is essential that the children wear warm clothes and sensible footwear. Each class will alternate whether they have their session in the morning or afternoon each week. Our PE days remain on Tuesday and Friday. Whole school cross country is scheduled for Thursday 2nd March.

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 Classroom. This is always posted on Friday and will inform you of the pages set from the CGP English and Maths books as well as their weekly spellings. Please ensure that your child completes these each week as well as their project by the deadline stated. 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. It is important that your child reads their comprehension book with you too.

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,

Miss Chandler and Miss Rose



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