



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. We hope you had a restful Summer holiday. It is so lovely to be back at school. The children have settled in really well. We have lots of exciting things planned this year and we are really looking forward to working with the children in Seahorse & Turtle classes.

This letter is to highlight some of the key events taking place in Year 4 throughout the Autumn term.

The main topic studied this term will be "Raiders and Invaders". We will focus on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. You will be pleased to know that the children will be presenting a Nativity at the end of the Autumn Term. Further details to follow. The children will have the pleasure of watching the pantomime Robin Hood in school on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Homework

The homework menu will continue; children will be asked to choose one project to complete each half term. This could be a project completed independently, with siblings or family members or even with their peers. There will be weekly literacy, maths and spelling tasks (Look, Cover, Write, Check), found on Google Classroom on Friday after school. Please support your child with these tasks and mark the work with them before you submit on Google Classroom. If you wish, feel free to comment on how they got on. Spellings and tables will be tested on a Friday every week. A CPG Literacy homework book will be sent home. This stays at home for children to work on. Please take a photo of their completed and marked work to submit onto Google Classroom. Where appropriate the children will be set a MyMaths task. You do not have to submit anything as we are able to view the children's progress on line. Please continue to hear your child to read daily, discussing the story, characters and predicting what may happen next and sign the reading diary to indicate when they have read to an adult. They will bring home a fiction book and a non-fiction book each week, although we also encourage them to read books from home to develop their independent reading skills. Before moving on to a new book, the children will need to review their book in their Yellow Reading Diary using '2 stars and a wish'.

### PE

Our outdoor PE time is on Tuesday afternoon and our hall PE time is on Thursday afternoon. Children come to school dressed in their PE kit. **Please make sure that all items of the PE kit are clearly labelled.** Earrings must be removed by the child, as it is no longer possible for an adult to remove them or to tape over them. As always, long hair must be tied back. In addition, please provide the children with a plastic bag in which they can place their muddy trainers. The Daily Mile will take place outside on non PE days.

### Forest Schools

We are pleased to announce that this term we are fortunate enough for the children to participate in a Forest School Session every Wednesday from 28<sup>th</sup> September to until Half Term. This experience will be led by Miss Butler. Please refer to the email for advice on 'suitable clothing'.

Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to have a fantastic year working in partnership with you and the children!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Michael, Mrs Good & Mrs Stark



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