



## ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

### **Dear parents & carers,**

We are glad to welcome the children back from the Easter break. Please take time to read this newsletter which tells you what your child is learning about this term.

**'What's in the Garden'** - Over the course of this first half term the children will be learning about lots of different mini-beasts and how to classify them. They will also find out about their life cycles, minibeasts habitats, food that they eat and special features by looking at books and watching videos and observing them.

**'Under the sea'** – During Summer 2 they will learn about animals and fish that live under the sea and learn lots of new vocabulary to do with underwater animals. They will also discuss their responsibilities of caring for the ocean and all the living things that live in it. They will be reading the rainbow fish story and discussing friendships.

### **Literacy:**

This term we will continue practicing how to hold a pencil correctly and begin writing the letters of the alphabet. We will continue learning different sounds of letters this term and begin to practise recognizing familiar words, signs and symbols.

We'd like to continue to encourage you again to read with your child daily. Children can take home books from the nursery which can be changed every Wednesday. We kindly ask that you write down the date, the title of the book you have borrowed and a brief comment to say how they found the book in their reading record, in order for the book to be changed again the next week.

**Mathematics Development:** This term we will continue regular counting practice of numbers up to 20. The children will learn to count and order numbers, starting from a number other than 1 and share up to ten items in practical situations.

**Physical Development:** P.E and dance takes place daily. Please be mindful of this and dress your child in clothing that they can manage independently with shoes or trainers that have Velcro fastenings.

### **Things you can do at home:**

We are continuing to work with the children to write their names, letters of the alphabet and numbers from 10 – 20. Names should be written with a capital letter at the start and all other letters should be lower case. To help, it will be best if they are holding their pencil near the tip as shown in Fig 4

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Diagrams showing developing pencil grasp



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4

### Reminders:

- 1) Please remember to label your child's uniform, book bags and water bottles.
- 2) We ask you for a voluntary contribution of £5 a term to help pay towards ingredients for play dough and cooking 'yummy' cakes for you to try, we will collect this at the nursery gate.

We value your continued support from home with your child's learning and we are always available to speak with you if you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss about your child.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs. Akinwoleola & Mrs. Campbell

### Dates for your diary

May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Polling day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May The Nursery will be closed on this day.
Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May More information to be shared.
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June April
INSET DAY	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Summer Holidays	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September

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