



## ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready to continue this school adventure with your child. We are also welcoming Mrs Azevedo to Orchard class as the new Teaching Assistant.

In spring one, our learning will be focusing around the 'Super Scientists'. This will involve the children doing lots of fun experiments and scientific investigations. In RE we will be learning about the 'Creation Story'. In spring two, our main topic will be 'Capes and Crowns' our learning will centre around fairytales and superheros. In RE we will be learning about Easter. In Literacy, there will be a big focus on Phonics. In writing we will be encouraging the children to use their phonics sounds to help them to write simple words and sentences.

P.E takes place on Wednesday and Thursday. It is essential that your child brings their full PE kit to school on a **Monday** and that it remains in school until Friday when it needs to be taken home for a wash. Please ensure your child has a white T-shirt, black/dark shorts, jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit top as we will still be doing outdoor PE even if it is cold. Make sure any P.E. kit, school uniform, wellies and other items are **clearly labelled with your child's name**. Please understand that we cannot keep track of all the items that belong to all the pupils in the class so your labelling their belongings will help them come back to your child quickly if they are misplaced. Please note that for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

Remember, please complete a minimum of 3 homework pieces from the homework menu. These are to be completed by the end of each half term. Homework is aimed at reinforcing what we have been learning in class. Please encourage your child to complete their homework as independently as possible.

Your child will also bring home a reading record and reading book, which we would like them to read each night. We suggest that you listen to your child read at least **three times a week**, each time remember to sign their reading record – this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. Please remember to encourage your child to use their phonics and to read to you as much as they can.. Each time your child reads a book, they will receive a sticker. For every 12 books read, your child will receive a certificate.

We will change the children's reading books once a week. Your child's day is written in their reading books. If you would like us to change your reading book more often, please let us know by writing in the yellow contact books. If your child loses their reading book, they will be asked to bring in £5 to buy a replacement. In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it.

If you have any queries or concerns, please come and speak to us after school. Alternatively, you can write in your child's contact book or make an appointment at the office, if you wish to have a longer or more private discussion.

I look forward to your support while continuing to work with your child and helping them get the most from their second term in school.

Kind regards,  
Miss Baptiste and Miss Prince

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