



## ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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PENINSULA CAMPUS

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and are ready to continue this school adventure with your child.

In Summer 1 our learning will be focusing around the 'What's in your Garden'. We will be focusing on the core text, '**A Seed in Need**'. This will involve the children investigating how plants grow and different mini beasts. In RE our topic will be '**How did Jesus Rescue People?**'. Throughout this topic we will be looking at the miracles performed by Jesus. In Summer 2, our main topic will be Journeys. Our main core text will be '**The Journey Home from Granpa's**'. In this topic we will be exploring maps and different modes of transport. In RE we will be learning about '**Who Cares for this Special World and Why?**'. These topics will enable us to discover the children's interests and how they learn best. We will be covering all areas of learning through our topics. A big focus on our Literacy will be Phase 3 Phonics. Please help your child by practising the phonemes (sounds) they are learning in school, these were sent to you on parents evening.

P.E takes place twice a week. 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. Make sure any P.E. kit, school uniform, water bottles and other items are clearly labelled with your child's name. We cannot keep track of all the items that belong to all the pupils in the class so your labelling of 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 they can.

Your child's book will be changed once a week, they will receive a phonics book and a book of their choice. We expect them to read each night. We suggest that you listen to your child read at least **three times a week**, each time signing their reading record – this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. Each time your child reads a book, they will receive a sticker. For every 12 books read, your child will receive a certificate. Please remember to encourage your child to use their phonics and read to you as much as they can. In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it.

We will be changing the children's reading books once a week. Your child has the days that their books are changed in their reading record books. Please remember this day and make sure all the books are in your child's bag, and that the reading record is signed as we can not change the books without this. If your child loses their reading book, they will be asked to bring in £5.00 to buy a replacement.

If you have any queries or concerns, please can you 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.

We look forward to your support as we continue to work with your child and help them get the most from their last term in Reception.

Kind regards,  
Miss Prince and Miss Baptiste

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