



ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year, we are sure you have enjoyed the break and are ready for this new school year.

This half term we will start our studies based on our theme "**The Enchanted Garden**". We will be using the books '**The Secret Garden**' by Frances Hodgson and '**The Selfish Giant**' by Oscar Wild. In Autumn 2 our theme will be "**Stone Age**", we will be reading '**Stig of The Dump**' by Clive King and '**Stone Age Boy**' by Satoshi Kitamura. We will be following the White Rose scheme of work in mathematics and the scheme provided by Charanga for music.

Aut 1

Science: Animals including Humans	DT: Cooking
Religious Education: Hinduism	Geography: Local History Unity

Aut 2

Science: Rocks (Stone Age)	Art: Cave Painting
Religious Education: Judaism	History: Stone Age

At the start of the term children will be given a homework menu relating to our topic. Purple Mash and Education City will sometimes be used to assign your child Math and English activities. These will be given after the fourth week. Please ensure that your child completes this work to a high standard as the work given will support the learning taking place in the classroom.

Spellings will be given out at the start of term and should be learnt for a test each week. A record of the test results will be sent out each week so that you may have an idea of how your child is progressing.

In order to support your child's learning please use some time at home to research the topics we are studying and take an interest in what has been completed at school. Your child will also bring home a reading record and reading book every day which 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. In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it. We will be giving the children their own Federation book marks which they can fill out each time they finish a book and write a book review. Upon completing the bookmark, they will be presented with a certificate during Friday's assembly. Please encourage your child/children to read at home.

Your child is expected to bring their PE kit in school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday for washing. Indoor and outdoor PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. For Indoor PE the children must wear shorts and a **white** t-shirt; for outdoor PE a tracksuit may be worn. Trainers or plimsolls must be worn outside and bare feet or plimsolls for indoors. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for each session.

We will be resuming class trips and will inform you of all plans as soon as they are made. If you would like to arrange an appointment to discuss any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office to book a suitable time.

Thank you for your support,
Ms. Jones, Mrs. Wilkinson and Miss Carey

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