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Welcome Parents and Carers to St Mary Magdalene Peninsula nursery. We are really looking forward to having your children in the nursery this academic year. Please take time to read this newsletter which tells you about what your child is learning about this term.

New Beginnings and All about me - Over the course of the term we will be learning about ourselves. With very young learners much of what they do revolves around them and to ease them into the nursery life, we will begin with a topic that they are familiar with and create a safe and personalised environment. We are reading the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers which supports this topic.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This is a great theme for building self-esteem, getting to know each other, growing up, thinking & talking about things children are capable of doing on their own, and most of all knowing everyone is unique and special.

Throughout activities children will be encouraged to discover more about themselves first and then their families and friends in the Nursery.



What make me special? What is important about me? What things make us different? How are we like other people? What can I do that no-one else can do?

Physical Development

PE and dance can lead to positive feelings of self-worth and a lifetime of physical activities. Children will have opportunities each day to take part in physical exercise. It is essential that they come to school wearing sensible shoes and clothes that they feel comfortable in. Please note for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed, as stated in the school prospectus.



Mathematics

Children will learn about shapes, colours and how shapes create things. For example, we will be cutting out pieces of paper into triangles, big and small squares and rectangles for children to glue on to create their face. We will be encouraging the children to name the shapes they can see in their picture as well as in the environment around them.



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Understanding the world

We will encourage the children to use magnifying glasses to look at their fingerprints. We will be having discussions about our individual differences such as hair, eye colour, height, whilst pointing out that everyone has a unique set of fingerprints. What do you notice about your fingerprints? Are they different? Are they the same? Children will learn the names of their body parts too!

ICT: Who am I?

Children will learn to use the iPad and cameras to take photographs of themselves and their friends.

Expressive Art & Design



Self Portraits - we will discuss with the children what a self-portrait is. Using mirrors, we will encourage the children to look at their faces and paint a self-portrait. We will ask them to talk about their painting and record their responses.

Things you can do at home:

Talk to your child about people in their own family, show photographs of themselves when they were younger and how they have changed over the years. Visit the library to find books and stories about families.

A little request - can you send in a photo of the family for our display, we will photocopy the photo and return them to you.

We are working with the children to write their names. 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.

Diagrams showing developing pencil grasp



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

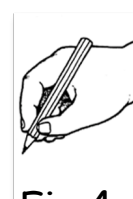


Fig 4

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Reminders:

- 1) Please label your child's coat & book bag **clearly**.
- 2) Biscuits - a contribution of £2 for the term would be grateful to treat the children to some biscuits along with their fruit.
- 3) Cooking contribution - a contribution of £3 every term towards the cooking expenses. Making simple recipes every fortnight to help children learn about measuring and concepts such as full and empty.
- 4) Half Term - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2019.

If you would like to discuss anything regarding your child please email on penninsulaadmin@koinoniafederation.com clearly addressed for the attention of the class teacher.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Whitbread and Mrs. Campbell

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