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Friday 9th September, 2022

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

'All about me' - Over the course of the first half 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. Our next topic will be **All about celebrations** in the lead up to Christmas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: This is a great theme for building self-esteem and awareness, making friends, learning to share and take turns and the children will learn about how unique and special they are.

Literacy Development: 'Incredible Me'. With reference to this lovely story the children will 'write' (or have us write) and draw all about what makes them incredible and different. In the 2nd term we will have fun retelling the story of the Nativity.

Reading:

Please try to read with your child daily. Children can take home books from the nursery and will change their books every Thursday. All we ask is for you to 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. They will also learn to recognise and read their name through self-registration.

Writing: The children will be shown how to hold a pencil and one-handed tools such as paint brushes using their thumb and first two fingers.

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.

Mathematics Development: We will be learning how to count claps, jumps, turns and parts of our body this term. The children will learn how to look at a group of objects and say how many they see without counting. They will learn how to order, name and recognise numbers from zero to ten.

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 and height.

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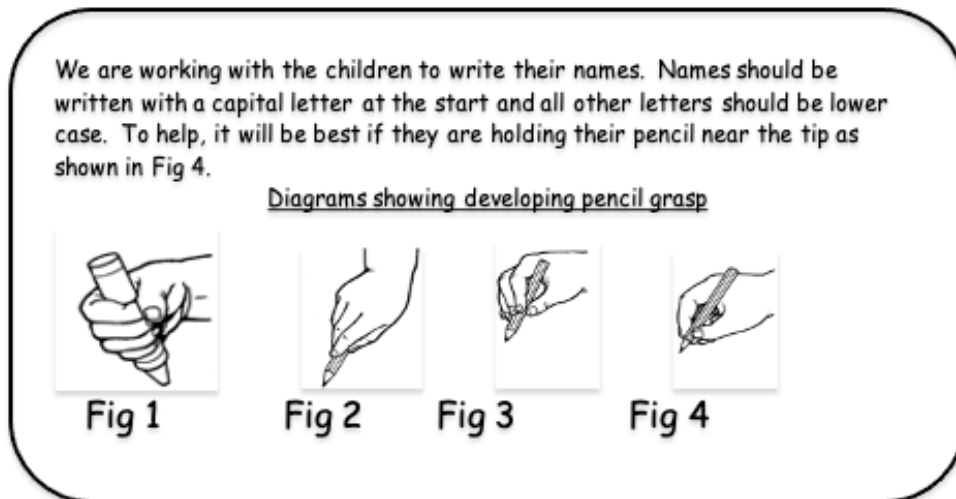
Computing: Children will learn to use the iPad and cameras to take photographs of themselves and their friends.

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, draw even make a collage of their face. The children will learn to sing many new songs such as days of the week, months and seasons of the year. They will continue to learn to sing the alphabet, phonic sounds and numbers one to ten.

Things you can do at home:

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.



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.
- 3) Half term dates: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October, 2022.

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

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