



# ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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Wednesday 13th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you all back from the summer break. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are well rested and that you are your children a ready for another exciting academic year at St Mary Magdalene's.

This term's core book will be '**Grace and Family**' by Mary Hoffman. This will be linked to our theme of **World Foods**. We will be covering a range of cross-curricular subjects within this topic.

World Kitchen Autumn 1			
Science	Materials and their properties	RE	Judaism
Geography	Comparing countries	DT	Jollof Rice ( <i>Trip to Deptford Market</i> )
PE	Indoor: Run, Jump and Throw    Outdoor: Hit, Catch and Run		

The second half term we will be reading **The Hedgehog** by Dick King-Smith and our theme will be 'Night Creatures'. We will be covering the following subjects:

Night Creatures Autumn 2			
Science	Plants	RE	Christianity
History/Geography	Local area and history of the area	Art	Sketching
PE	Indoor: Dance    Outdoor: Attack, defend and shoot.		

We will also have weekly computing, music and PSHE lessons. Our PE days are **Monday and Thursday**. Therefore, it is imperative that the children have the correct PE kit these days. It is advisable that your child brings a clean PE kit into school on Monday at the latest and takes it home on Friday as it may need to be washed.

PE kits must include a white t-shirt, shorts and jogging bottoms, a jumper or a fleece and a pair of plimsolls and trainers. Also, it is particularly important that all the PE kit is **clearly named** including the bag it is in.

### Reading

It is very important that your child reads to you as often as possible, preferably a minimum of 5 times a week. Please acknowledge that they have read to you by signing their reading records. Your child should bring their book into school daily. We will be checking reading records every week. Reading books will be sent home every **Wednesday** and changed the following Wednesday.

### Homework

Homework is set as a half termly menu with options to complete various activities, as well as math and English work set periodically. **Homework books will be collected on a Thursday and returned on a Friday**. Please support your child in producing high-quality, well-presented pieces of work that they should be proud of.

Spelling lists will be given out weekly. **These are to be returned Monday morning ahead of their test that same Monday**. (Some Tuesdays owing to INSETs, bank holidays etc.) Please read the words with the children and encourage them to practice the words from memory.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Virginia

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