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Coming up next week...30/09/2024

A reminder that the Reception Phonics & Reading Workshop is in the school hall at 9:05am on Monday 30th September.

We are very excited about our visit from Zoolab on Wednesday 2nd October. The children will take part in a rhyming adventure that follows eco-warriors in a crusade to help their local wildlife - investigating issues of pollution and litter. What can they do to help clean up?

The children will be meeting some of the following creatures: stick insects, tarantulas, scorpions, snakes, giant millipedes, cockroaches, giant African land snails, tree frogs and a gerbil or rat.

If you have any concerns about your child being around these, for example a fear or allergies if your child touches them, please speak to your class teacher. The children will be given a choice about getting close or touching the creatures.

All the children should have brought a reading book home last week. Please don't forget to log any comments on the Boom Readers app. It is good practise for children to practise a book a couple of times before changing it. When you would like the book changed please send your child to school with it in their hand so that we can change it first thing. Thank you.

Learning in school:

Theme for the Term: All About Me!

During this topic we will be getting to know each other and finding out about our new friends, our families, where we live and looking after the environment.

Theme for the week: This week we are learning about the wild animals that live around us, for example, foxes, frogs and newts and their different habitats. The children will learn how to care for animals and where they sleep at night.

We will be reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. We will be asking pupils to share what they know about owls and discussing where they sleep and what they eat.

Phonics:

This week, we will learn the letter sounds e, u, r and our first digraph (2 letters that make one sound) ck. We are also introducing tricky words this week - these are words that cannot be sounded out. Our tricky words this week are "I" and "is".

Maths:

This we will be learning about the measures- size, weight and capacity. The children will be investigating different size containers, weighing a variety of objects using balance scales and using related mathematical vocabulary, e.g. heavier, lighter, full, empty.

Additional notes and reminders

We will be collecting homework folders on a Wednesday. There will be a box outside the doors in the morning. Please place your child's folder in the box.

Junk Modelling: we still need any plastic tubs/trays, lids, small (up to cereal box size) boxes, egg cartons, tubes etc for the children to use to create with.
Please hand these to the teacher at drop off or pick up.

Please remember to put your child's library book in their book bag on their class library day. Library days are as follows:

- ✓ Turtles: Tuesday
- ✓ Starfish: Thursday
- ✓ Jellyfish: Monday

Class email addresses:

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starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk

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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.