

NURSERY



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Coming up week beginning 4/11/24

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Firework pictures- please send any photos of your firework celebrations either on email on a paper copy. This helps your child discuss their experience.

Diwali celebrations- if your family celebrate Diwali, please send any photos!

Theme for the half term: Celebrations and Festivals

This half term is all about special celebrations and how we all mark these occasions. The theme naturally lends itself to dark and light so many of our books are based in the nighttime. A favourite celebration in Nursery is birthdays and this will be our next celebration, followed of course by Christmas!

Reading

We will continue to work on the skill of prediction this week. We will spend some time examining our new key text, 'Shark in the Dark', linking the this book with the previous book 'Shark in the Park'. We will brainstorm what we think the story might be about and what we think might happen in depth before reading it. This story is full of rhymical and fun text that you will soon know very well! (If your child doesn't know this story yet, please don't introduce it to them until after Tuesday once we have made all our predictions!)



Understanding the Word/ RE/ Expressive arts and design

- We will celebrate Diwali on Friday 8th November with 'Diwali day'. If you and your child celebrate Diwali, please contact Mrs Pioli to see how you can help us with this day. We will create rangoli patterns and diva lamps while listening to Diwali music.
- During the week we will also explore fireworks night. This lends itself to large scale artwork and exploration of different marks and materials on black backgrounds.

Phonics

Through learning the song 'Whoosh bang wee' we will explore recreating firework sounds using our voices and body percussion.

Whoosh bang wee
Whoosh bang wee
Listen to the fireworks go
Whoosh bang wee!

Maths

This week we will focus on subitising and using number fingers.

What is subitising? Subitising is **being able to visually see a number of objects instantly without needing to count them out one at a time**. Your child might show you how many on their fingers rather than saying the number which is the first building block to subitising. We only expect children to subitise to three in Nursery.

Music

Please let us know if your child has a particular favourite piece of music they enjoy listening to or dancing to so that we can incorporate this into our music learning and enjoyment.

Wellie Wednesday

Please ensure your child always has wellies (and waterproof trousers) in school. The field is muddy which means if your child has no wellies they won't be able to take part.

Here are a few reminders to help with the daily running of the Nursery.

What to bring into Nursery

Please ensure your child has the following with them every day:

- Clearly named water bottle (a familiar sticker might be useful). This must contain only water please, not juice.
- Clearly named book bag- it is helpful for the book bag to have one keyring on so that your child is able to recognise the book bag.
- Clearly named coat
- Clearly named sun hat (when needed)

Your child does not need to bring in an additional rucksack with fruit or spare clothes (unless we have a separate arrangement that has been agreed). It is important that your child is able to be independent from the start, so less items to remember will help!

Lunchboxes

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL! This includes anything that contains sesame seeds such as hummus. There are several children with nut allergies in Nursery. It is of uttermost importance that lunchboxes contain no nuts.

If your child is in in Nursery all day please remember to pack a healthy, manageable lunch for your child to eat. If there is too much in their lunchbox, they can become over faced. Please name your child's lunch box on the outside of the lunchbox so it is easily visible.

Grapes and olives- please cut these in half, lengthwise for safety.

Happy hellos and great goodbyes- Part of the Mead way is to say hello and goodbye at the start and end of the day. Please encourage your child to say hello and goodbye!

Uniform

The nursery children look very smart in their new school uniform!

- Skirts and dresses are not part of our school uniform as they can be dangerous when climbing.
- Please make sure that your child wears shoes safe to climbing- trainers or plimsolls are perfect (only Velcro please!)
- Please also remember no jewellery is allowed as part of our school uniform policy. This includes earrings.
- Please name everything!

UNIFORM

All children are required to wear our nursery uniform. Children can dress in the uniform listed in which they feel most comfortable.

Uniform Details

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Dark grey tracksuit bottoms or dark grey leggings
- White t-shirt (with or without logo)
- Dark grey or royal blue shorts (for summer)
- Shoes/trainers without laces (we suggest Velcro trainers)
- Book bag with school logo



Optional Accessories

- Royal blue reversible fleece/waterproof jacket with school logo
- Royal blue sun hat with school logo
- Royal blue winter hat with school logo



Please note that children should not wear any jewellery to nursery.

All clothing and bags should be clearly labelled with your child's name.