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Coming up week beginning 22.5.23

Rockhoppers- After half term we will be starting to think about our transition into Reception. To help with this we would like to start to have lunch every Friday at school from 11.15-12 before the children go home. Please pack a small lunch for your child- see notes below about lunchboxes. Please name lunch boxes on the outside.

Theme for the Term: Little Explorers

Our focus this half term will be on exploring. Initially this we will explore different places that are different to where we live such as the forest, rivers or the sea side. This will then develop into a few weeks on transitioning into Reception for those children who are moving on.

Theme for the week: Where is special to us?

Understanding the World and Literacy

We will explore different environments that are different to Stoneleigh. If your child has visited anywhere that is different to where we live on day trips or holidays please send a photo in so that they can tell us all about it. This might be the seaside, a field, river, park, city or even if they have visited a new place on holiday.

Literacy

We will be reading 'We're going on a bear hunt' to start our new topic, brainstorming all the new places the family visit and relating it to our own experiences and knowledge.

PSHE

We will hold a circle time thinking about our goals. We will encourage the children to think of something they would like to improve at, such as riding a bike, writing their name, making a new friend, etc.

Phonics

The sound we are focusing on is 'Z'. We will explore lots of words that start with 'Z' though hearing the sound 'Z' in words. Remember - when exploring sounds in phonics we are focusing on just the phonemes aurally - just the sounds, not the letter name or the written symbol that represents a sound.

Music

We will make our own music for the Bear Hunt story using a range of instruments.

Art/ Maths

We will examine the artwork of Albers who uses shape in his pictures to make bigger shapes. We will explore tessellating lots of shapes together to make bigger and different shapes.

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.

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

If your child is in Emperor Penguins 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.

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

NUT FREE SCHOOL! At The Mead we are a nut free school. There are several children with nut allergies in Nursery. It is of uttermost importance that lunchboxes contain no nuts. This also includes foods that contain sesame seeds such as hummus or crackers with seeds.

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!

Request!

We have enjoyed junk modelling and will be adding this to our continuous provision- therefore we will always need lots of 'junk!'. Boxes, bottle tops, plastic containers, etc Please make sure none of the packaging has contained nuts!



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.