

# RECEPTION



*Coming up next week...27/11/2023*

## **Paper Appeal!**

*Does anyone have a scrap paper supply that they would be happy to donate to the school? We use a lot of paper in continuous provision for mark making, drawing and writing. If you have old business letterhead, printer paper etc, we would love to have it. Many thanks!*

*This week Turtle class will be changing library books on Monday and Starfish class on Friday. Jellyfish class will stay the same and change books on Monday. Please can you make sure your child's library book is in their bookbags on those days.*

### *Learning in school:*

**Theme for the Term:** Celebrations! Everyone enjoys a celebration and there are so many across a year. We will be exploring a few to find out what is celebrated and how the occasion is marked.

#### **Theme for the week:**

This week in literacy we are continuing our focus text 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers. We will be having a mystery box delivered which is going to help us explore the changes of season. The contents of the box are a surprise and it will introduce the season Autumn. We then will be exploring Autumn by going on an autumn hunt on the field.

### *Phonics:*

This week in school, we will be learning the digraphs 'sh, th, ng, nk'. Our new tricky words this week are: 'she, he, of'. We will continue practising blending and writing some 3 letter words.

### *Maths:*

This week, we will be learning all about shapes with four sides and we will be looking for shapes within the environment. We will also be looking at day and night and sorting daily activities using the vocabulary 'first', 'then', 'next' and 'after'.

### *Additional notes and reminders*

#### **Homework**

The phonics homework includes more tricky words. It would be beneficial if these could be practiced regularly at home as these are words that the children need to learn to read off by heart.

#### **Christmas Play**

The letter regarding dates and the costumes needed for our Christmas play has been sent home this week. In case you have not received this, a copy of the letter is below.

#### **Reading Books**

Please can we ask that reading books are kept in children's bookbags. Unfortunately, children are unable to take new books home if old ones have not been returned. Ask your child which bookbag group they are in to work out what day they read on.

*Reading days:*

*Monday: red group*

*Tuesday: blue group*

*Wednesday: green group*

*Thursday: yellow group*

*Friday: Orange group*

*Class email addresses:*

[turtles@mead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:turtles@mead.surrey.sch.uk)

[starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk)

[jellyfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jellyfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk)

*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.*

## Reception Christmas Play

Dear Parents,

Christmas is almost upon us and rehearsals for the Christmas play have begun! We would therefore like to ask for your help to provide your child with their costume.

In our play, Turtle Class will be 'Stars'

They will need to wear white or black tights, leggings or trousers and a white or black top. We will be making a star headband for the children to wear at school. Please feel free to decorate your child's top with stars.

Jellyfish Class will be 'Donkeys'

They will need to wear grey or black tights, leggings or trousers and a grey or black top. We will be making a donkey headband for the children to wear at school.

Starfish Class will be 'Camels'

They will need to wear brown or black tights, leggings or trousers and a brown or black top. We will be making a camel headband for the children to wear at school.

Please could all children come to school wearing their P.E. shoes.

On the following day, please could your child come to school wearing their costumes:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (dress rehearsal day)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Please could you also bring your child's P.E. kit in a named carrier bag so they can change after the performance.

If you have any questions about the costumes, please speak to your class teacher.

Thank you,

Reception Team