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Coming up next week...11/12/2023

We are needing to restock our junk modelling. Toilet rolls, small boxes (no bigger than a cereal box), plastic containers, yogurt pots and anything else that might be useful for the children to create with, would be appreciated. Thank you.

Learning in school:

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

Theme for the week: It's nearly Chhhristmassssss!

As you can probably guess, the children are very excited by Christmas and the glitter and sparkle will be coming out this week! We will be continuing our learning, keeping to timetable during the week but adding some Christmas fun. One of our Christmas activities will be making Christmas cards where we will be practising our handwriting and spelling the tricky word 'to'.

Phonics:

This week in phonics, we will be reviewing all the graphemes and tricky words we have learned this term.

Maths:

This week in maths, we will be doing a maths quiz covering all the topics we have learned this term. We are also practising subitising, number bonds to 5 and beyond and patterns.

We hope that you enjoyed watching our Christmas Show. On Monday, the children will be going to watch the dress rehearsals for either the Year One or Year Two Christmas shows. We will make sure that children will go to the show that their siblings are performing in.

PSHE

During the first week in January, we will be covering our Relationship and Sex Education aspect of the PSHE subject. We will be introducing the correct anatomical names for male and female genitalia.

The following terms will be taught to the children through the means of a very child friendly, age-appropriate lesson about finding out whether a new baby in the family is a boy or a girl. We will be using anatomically correct dolls again which will be dressed identically, and we will discuss how parents know whether their new baby is a boy or a girl.

The following terms will be taught to Nursery and Reception children:

Female external genitalia -

Vulva - the area between a girl's legs at the front.

Bottom- rear bottom which has two cheeks that are soft so we can sit comfortably.

Male external genitalia -

Penis - the spongy tissue that dangles between a boy's legs.

Testicles - two little balls in a squashy bag behind the penis.

Bottom- rear bottom which has two cheeks that are soft so we can sit comfortably.

This forms The Mead Infant and Nursery School's part of the Sex Education element of RSE. Parents do have a statutory right to withdraw their child from this element but we would strongly suggest that you allow your child to access this learning, as a matter of safeguarding for your own child.

If you do decide to withdraw your child from this lesson, then it is important, however, that you discuss these terms with your child at home.

The children will, undoubtedly, use this language, both at home with you, and at school, and it is often best taught in the proper context than being overheard in the playground.

If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Any requests for withdrawal from this lesson MUST be put in writing to the headteacher.

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.

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