

home if old ones have not been returned. Ask your child which bookbag group they are in work out what day they read on.

> Reading days: Monday: red group Tuesday: blue group Wednesday: green group Thursday: yellow group Friday: Orange group

> > 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 delving into the wonderful world of 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers. Our focus will be on list writing for the class solving a problem, predicting outcomes whilst reading the text and creating lists of items to be thrown in the tree.

This week's mindful moment will revolve around our listening skills. We will engage in activities that promote active listening, helping children become more attentive and present in their learning environment. Our artistic adventure this week, involves painting to music. Children will explore the connection between visual and auditory senses, expressing their creativity through combining painting and music.

Phonics:

This week in school, we will be learning the grapheme z, zz, qu, ch and plurals. Our new tricky words this week are: go, no, to and into. We will continue practising blending and writing some 3 letter words.

Maths:

This week, we will continue our exploration of 4 and 5, diving into the concept of 1 more and 1 less. Additionally, we will continue to develop our subitising skills.

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.

Class email addresses: <u>turtles@mead.surrey.sch.uk</u> <u>starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk</u> 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 6th December (dress rehearsal day) Thursday 7th December Friday 8th 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