



NURSERY



Coming up week beginning 18.3.24

Top tip

Studies show that turning on subtitles when children watch TV can dramatically improve their literacy. Doubling their chances of becoming proficient readers. The best part... subtitles are completely free and proven to improve vocabulary, boost comprehension skills and increase reading fluency. By just turning on the subtitles it's equivalent to reading the same number of words that are in all of the *Harry Potter* books, all of the *Earthsea Books*, all of *His Dark Materials*, all of the *Narnia* saga and all of *The Lord of the Rings* — in a year! What's more, a single kids' movie can have up to 20,000 words — that's about the same as the average chapter book for 5- to 10-year-olds. Comedian and actor Jack Black is helping 'Turn on the Subtitles' with this short message - turnonthesubtitles.org

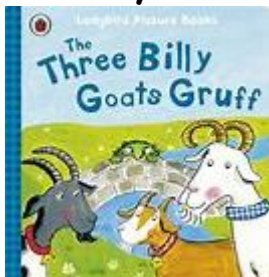
Request!

We continue to love junk modelling more than anything! We are very low on junk at the moment Boxes, lots of bottle tops, plastic containers, etc Please make sure none of the packaging has contained nuts! Also, if anyone is able to source paper of any kind we would love donations!

Theme for the Term: Terrific Tales

We look forward to enjoying some terrific tales this half term now the children are able to enjoy and talk about longer stories. All of these stories will involve concepts such as 'who' the characters are and 'where' they are set. We will use colourful semantics to support the children in understanding these new concepts which will in turn help the children in talking about stories with new vocabulary.

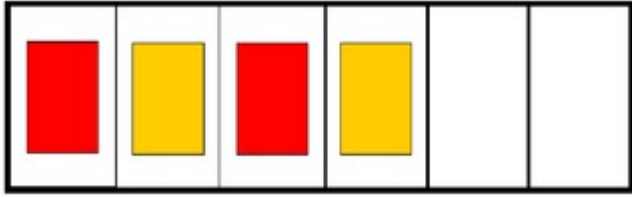
Literacy



We will continue the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff this week. We will focus on retelling the story through using the props, helicopter stories and story maps.

Maths

Pattern will be our focus for the next couple of weeks. We will initially support the children to make patterns with actions and sounds. Then we will work on continuing an ABAB unfinished pattern and copying an existing pattern.



PSE

We will explore pictures of different children expressing various emotions. We will discuss these pictures and whether we recognise their emotions. We will then match their emotions to the Zones of regulation colours.

Poetry basket

On Thursday it is World poetry Day. We will join the rest of the school to learn and enjoy the poem 'Oddsockopus'.

Key words

Tumble, across, delicious, pleased

Request for spare clothes

If you have any clothes that your child has grown out of, we would be grateful of donations!

Cutlery

If your child eats lunch at school, please remember to supply cutlery for them to use.

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 (when needed)
- 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

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- 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.

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.