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Coming up week beginning 27/09/21

Welcome to Nursery!

What a busy week we have had in Nursery. It started with a carpet python and a tree frog visiting us. The children were fabulous at handling them with care and braver than some of the adults!

Theme for the Term: All About Me!

We have been having a wonderful time getting to know all of the children. Our topic this half term is 'All About Me'. We are beginning to play lots of games to learn everybody's names, playing games to help our listening and sharing skills.

We will start our 'talking time' this week in small groups, by sharing our family photographs. If you haven't got round to sending in a family photo, don't worry. You can still bring on in on Monday.

We will use these to spend time talking 'all about me' over the rest of the half term.

Shark in Park!

We will be exploring a new book this week called 'A shark in the Park'. The children will really enjoy the humorous story that takes place in the park- everyone's favourite place. We will know this story inside out by the end of the week, and we have to warn you that you will all be repeating the refrains at home too- its very catchy!

New vocabulary will be introduced such as telescope, playground and crow, for example.

Physical development

We will be having a go at the peddling the trikes this week. This is a useful skill for children, even if they have mastered balancing on a balance bike.

Phonics

Last week we went on a sound walk, listening to all of the sounds around us. This week, we will repeat our sound walk, but talk more about what the sounds are like, how they are similar and different and how we know what they are. This all leads into discrimination of sounds and early reading skills.

Maths

Our maths learning this week is all about positional language through play and being active. We will create an obstacle course for the children to use, modelling the words such as 'on top, underneath, next to, etc.

Feeling at home- thank you for your donations- if anyone else has any ideas of resources that will make your child feel at home, please let us know. We would especially like to know of any music that you listen to at home.

We would love to make our home corner and classroom environment more familiar to the children by having a larger range of items around us to make the children feel more at home in the range of languages that reflect our class. Please let us know about resources we could look out for or if you could supply anything!

- If you have any books or magazines in home languages.
- Cookery books for your home cuisine.
- Any cooking utensils that you use at home that we do not have already- eg. Wok, Balti dish, tagine, etc.
- Material to use for dressing up etc...
- Food packaging (empty!)
- Music from your culture that is familiar to your child.

- Your child's name printed out in their home language if written differently to English.
- Anything else you can suggest that would reflect your home culture.

Thank you for helping!

Reminders

Uniform

The nursery children look very smart in their new school uniform.

- Just a reminder this year we have introduced compulsory uniform. This consists of grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings and The Mead sweatshirt and white t-shirt. In summer children are able to wear grey or royal blue shorts.
- 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.**

Lunch boxes

Please remember that we are a nut free school so lunch must not include anything with nuts or that contain nuts at all. Please be careful to pack a lunchbox that is accessible for your child so that they can open packets themselves and that they are not over faced with too much food. **Please cut grapes in half (long ways) so that they are safe for your child to eat without it being a choking hazard.** Please remember to pack balanced, healthy lunch for your child.

Please can we also remind you to label everything including lunch boxes.

Thank you

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th September

Comic book week- dress up day. Your child can come dressed as their own invention of a superhero. Please see the parent mail sent out on 20th September for more information.

Monday 4th October

The Parents welcome meeting will take place in the school hall at 9.00am and 2.15pm. Choose whichever time is best for you.

Please come along if you can for all you need to know about the practicalities of being in Nursery and what your child is doing all day!

Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs and interests of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.