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## Coming up week beginning 1/11/21

Thank you for all of your support over the last half term. It's been a really successful half term and all of the children have settled really well. This half term, look out for time to support you too! There will be a coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> November and every week after that a workshop to help you support your child.

### **Theme for the Term: Celebrations!**

For the next two weeks our celebrations are based on dark and light. The first celebration is Diwali and then we will explore Fireworks night the following week.

### **Night Monkey Day Monkey.**

This story really helps the children explore the concepts of dark and light. On Monday we will find out all about dark and on Tuesday we will explore 'light. This leads on nicely from 'Shark in the Dark' that we explored during our last week at school. We will explore dark dens, glow sticks, glow in the dark experiments and glow in the dark pictures.

Our Goldilocks words will be Moon, jungle, fireflies, bats, glow.

### **Poetry basket**

**We will continue to learn this poem this week.**

Breezy weather Freezy weather  
When the leaves fall, we all fall together.  
Breezy weather freezy weather.  
When the wind blows, we all huddle together

### **Phonics**

We will extend out discrimination of sounds this week by matching sounds that we can hear, exploring what sounds the same and different. We will play a matching game with sounds, a little bit like snap.

## **Diwali Day**

Thank you for all of your offers of help for this special celebration. We will hold a 'Diwali day' on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This will involve exploring Rangolli patterns, tasting new food and listening to stories about Rama and Sita.

## **Climbing frames**

Please be aware that children must not play on any of our climbing equipment before school. When using the climbing equipment we monitor the children carefully and ensure the frames are safe to use before opening up the outside area. This will not happen until all of the children are dropped off in the morning, therefore the climbing equipment must not be used at drop off time.

## **Birthdays**

We love to celebrate everyone's birthday at The Mead. If you would like to mark the occasion with your child, we suggest buying a book to give to the class as a present is a fun way of doing this. (If you have any other ideas, please let us know!) We are a healthy school and therefore sweets and treats are not appropriate please. We will make a list of books that are appropriate very soon.

## **Coffee morning**

You are invited to a Nursery coffee morning on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9-9.45 in the school hall. This will be the start of our course of workshops that you received a parent mail form about a few weeks ago.

## **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 lunched 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

Thank you to everyone who came to the Nursery Welcome meeting. If you were unable to attend, the slides from the meeting are now on the school website.

*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.*