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Coming up next week...01/11/2021

If you have any old, clean, unwanted hats, gloves and scarves we would love to give them a new home in Reception! Please send them in after the holiday. Thank you

We are expecting the weather to be colder when we return after the holiday. Please make sure your child is wrapped up warm. The classrooms will remain well ventilated and the children have daily access to our outdoor classroom so please provide a coat as well.

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: Diwali

The children will come into a walkway of light as a stimulus to start our learning about Diwali. The children will be learning about the traditions surrounding the Hindu celebration and the story of Rama and Sita.

Phonics:

This week in school, we will be learning the digraphs: ff, ll, ss and the grapheme j. We will continue practising blending and start to write some 3 letter words.

Maths:

This week, we will be exploring 2D shape. We will be identifying circles and triangles and learning about their properties using the vocabulary: sides and corners. In addition to this we will also be look at patterns.

Additional notes and reminders

During this half term, 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.

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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.