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Coming up week beginning 20/09/21

**Welcome to Nursery!**

First of all we would like to say a huge well done to all our new 'Penguins'. What a fabulous start of term we have had. The staff have been particularly impressed with how well resilient they have been and how quickly they have adjusted to our routines. . We understand it has been strange not being able to settle them yourselves, but they have been so brave like Piglet!

We are now looking forward to a busy half term packed with fun and exciting activities!

**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.

Please could you either email or send in a picture of two things with your child as soon as possible from Monday?

- 1) A photo of your child and their family
- 2) A photo of your house

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

**Dear Zoo**

Ove the past two weeks we have spent time reading 'Dear Zoo' over and over again. We got so good at it that we made our own 'Dear Zoo' with our own animal choices. We got quite imaginative with words to describe the animals! To bring the story to life, On Monday morning we will be having two visitors- a frog and a snake! They will be travelling from a company called 'Darwin's Kingdom' and we look forward to seeing what they children make of seeing these animals!

## Zones of regulation

We will be exploring the emotion of 'happy' and 'calm' as part of our 'zones of regulation' work we will be doing this year with the children. Please look at this link to more information on this: <http://www.mead.surrey.sch.uk/wellbeing-at-the-mead/>

Part of this work will be a collaborative piece of art that everyone will get involved in.

## Feeling 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 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

*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.*