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Coming up next week...29/11/2021

Please can you send any kitchen roll tubes or similar for making telescopes. Thank you!

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: Oh No! Shark in the Snow!

As it is December, this week, we are starting to think about Christmas. The children will arrive at school to find Santa's helper and a wrapped present - the story Oh No! Shark in the Snow! We will be making telescopes, like Timothy Pope, which we will use when retelling the story and add our own actions. We will be focussing on being Tiggers this week - be resilient and not giving up. The children will be writing letters to Santa using their phonics knowledge and bringing the letters home to post, if you would like to. We are very excited to be having a virtual author visit from Nick Sharratt on Friday. The children will be taking part in activities during the live show as well as listening to stories.

Phonics:

This week in school we will be reviewing all the graphemes we have learned this term. We will also be learning the tricky words me we be and reviewing the put* pull* full* I and go no to into be we she push he her

Maths:

This week, we will be learning all about squares and rectangles and revisiting circles and triangles. We will be examining paintings by the artist Piet Mondrian and creating our own paintings using squares and rectangles.

Additional notes and reminders

This week, we will be covering our Relationship and Sex Education aspect of the PSHE subject, as advised in our Coming Up Next Week on 1/11/21. 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.