

YEAR 1



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Coming up next

week...13/9/2021

Year 1 have had a fantastic first full week back at school and they are all doing so well with all the new routines. 😊

Maths

In maths we will continue to explore numbers, focusing on counting patterns and sequences. The children will be counting both forwards and backwards to find missing numbers and will be completing activities to find one more and one less than given numbers. They will also be introduced to the word 'greater.' We will then move on to begin to compare objects and numbers using the vocabulary 'more, less, the same and 'equal to.'

English

This week the children will be thinking about what it means to be part of their class and will be finding out all about their class creature. We will practise writing some facts in sentences encouraging the children to use their phonic knowledge to sound out words and also remembering finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. The children will also be encouraged to write on the line using correct letter formation.

We will also be thinking about our birthdays and how we celebrate them. The children will all make a birthday card with a birthday message for a friend in the class that they will get when it is their birthday.

Reading Books

As covid restrictions are lifting we will be allowing the children to change their books when they are ready. Please remind your child in the morning to change their books during the school day and we will help them to do so.

Phonics sounds

This year we are following a new Phonics scheme, 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.' We look forward to sharing more information and training with you all in the coming weeks. Next week the children will be recapping the phase 3 sounds and learning the tricky words, what, when, he, she, be, me, have and love.

Topic

Our topic for this half term will be 'Proud to Belong.' In Art this week they will be selecting materials to make our class creatures. As we will be talking about our birthdays we will be learning the months of the year and finding out who celebrates their birthday in each month.

In Science we will be learning to name the different parts of our body. In PSHE we will be talking about emotions and introducing our class worry eaters. We will be reinforcing resilience and considering strategies the children can use if they feel worried.

PE

The children will have two weekly PE sessions. One indoors and one outdoors.

Please ensure all children are sent to school wearing their appropriate weather/ environment PE kit on the days that their class has PE. Every Tuesday the children will also have a yoga session so they will need to be able to take their shoes off and put them back on independently. If your child is wearing a dress to school on Tuesday please can you ensure that shorts are worn underneath.

A Very Special Request:

As we are working on becoming strong class teams again, we are celebrating who we are individually and the things that are important to us. We would love to ensure that we are aware of, and able to celebrate with your child, occasions that are culturally important to you and your family. If there are any religious or cultural festivals that your family celebrate then we would love to hear about them.

Please do drop us an email on the class email addresses. If you could tell us a little about your family background, culture, and occasions that are important to you as a family that would be great. If there are specific dates that these occasions occur then it would be useful to know, and then we can make sure that we celebrate them in class with your child.

The class email addresses are: badgers@mead.surrey.sch.uk
hedgehogs@mead.surrey.sch.uk
Squirrels@mead.surrey.sch.uk

Reminder

As the weather is beginning to get colder, please send your child to school with their coat. Please ensure all clothing and equipment is named so we can easily find and return it to the children.

Please can we encourage all jewellery to stay at home.

Please also ensure that your child has shoes that they can do up on their own for school, e.g. Velcro, buckles or elastic laces. Please do not send your child with shoes with ordinary laces unless they can independently tie them up, as we cannot do their laces up for them.

Thank you

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.