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Coming up next week... 08.11.21

Maths

Learning in school:

This week in school we will be continuing our work on subtraction. We will be learning about the language of subtraction. We will be writing our calculations as a number sentence. We will be using resources to find subtraction and addition families, for example $4+6=10$, $6+4=10$ therefore $10-4=6$ and $10-6=4$. We will also be learning to subtract using a number line.

English

Learning in school:

This week in school we are going to be continuing to learn about non-fiction texts.

The children will be focussing on creating sentences to put in their own written fact-file books about rainforest animals.

Reading

We will be continuing to listen to the children read, one to one this week.

Please remember your child can change their books every day .

Phonics

Learning in school:

Next week we will be focussing upon new GPC's o, i, a, e, and thinking about how these letters make the sound of the letter names within words. The tricky words we will be focussing on are: *your, people, their, oh, Mr, Mrs, Ms, and ask*

Topic

Learning in school:

We will be learning about the weather in the Amazon rainforest and how it is different to the weather we have here. In Science we will be learning to name and recognise the trees that grow near and around our school. We will be learning whether the trees are evergreen or deciduous. In art we will be trying to be illustrators, for our book "Roaming through the Rainforest" We will be using oil pastels to create a scene from our book. In ICT we will be practising our keyboard skills and learning where the letters are on the middle row of the keyboard. In history we will talking about remembrance day and what it means. In PSHE we will be revisiting the correct anatomical names for their body parts, including the external genitalia. Please see below for further information.

Advance Warning

Our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy states the need for common language to name parts of the human body. In order that the children are able to talk about their bodies in a way that enables them to explain injuries, or safeguard themselves from harm.

During our PSHE lessons next week, we will be covering our Relationship and Sex Education aspect of the subject. We will be reintroducing the correct anatomical names for all parts of our body that they learned last year in Reception. This includes the correct male and female genitalia terms.

The following terms will be taught to the children through the means of a very child friendly, age-appropriate lesson. We will be using anatomically correct dolls which will be dressed identically, and we will discuss how parents know whether their new baby is a boy or a girl.

KS1 Agreed terminology:

for external genitalia to be taught at The Mead Infant and Nursery School:

Female external genitalia -

Vulva - the area between a girl's legs, which includes the openings to the vagina and urethra

Vagina - the small opening between a girl's legs - a small tube from the outside to the inside of the body

Urethra - the tiny opening near the vagina of a tiny tube through which "wee" leaves the body

Male external genitalia -

Penis - the spongy tissue that dangles between a boy's legs. Boys urinate "wee" through a tube in their penis (the urethra)

Testicles - two plum shaped "balls" in a squashy bag (the scrotum) behind the penis.

This forms The Mead Infant 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 by the end of the school day on Tuesday 9th November 2020.

Additional notes and reminders

Homework:

Thank you for completing the handwriting sheets over half term. This half term the handwriting folders will stay in school and we will be sending work that's focuses upon tricky words home in a named plastic folder.

The children will practise writing the tricky words using their handwriting skills.

Please complete the first sheet and send back in its plastic folder next Wednesday (10th November)

Reading:

Please continue to read with your child four times a week. It really helps consolidate the phonics learning they are doing in class.

Maths Workshop:

Monday 8th November

Parents Evening:

We are looking forward to speaking with you next week. Please email if there is any problems on the day which mean you may not be able to attend your meetings.

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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.