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## Coming up week beginning 21/11/22

### **Applying for School Places**

Please note that there is no automatic transfer from Nursery to Reception and you will need to apply for a school place for your child for September 2023. The deadline for submitting your application is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** and applications are submitted through your local council. Further information including how to apply can be found at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

### **Astronaut day!**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November we will be launching our rocket to the moon. The children have been very excited by rockets, astronauts, and the earth and beyond so we thought we would look further into what it is like to be an astronaut.

To enable us to have a safe journey to the moon we will need the children to come dressed appropriately. They can dress as an astronaut, with a space helmet, etc. Please don't buy anything new for this- just a pair of gloves and a bike helmet covered in foil, or wearing just white will do! Some ideas are below.



### **Request!**

We have enjoyed junk modelling and will be adding this to our continuous provision- therefore we will always need lots of 'junk!'. Boxes, bottle tops, plastic containers, etc Please make sure none of the packaging has contained nuts!



### **Workshops**

We are pleased to invite you to a range of workshops over the next half term in the school hall after drop off.

#### **Literacy and phonics**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9-10

#### **Zones of regulation/ emotional regulation**

Watch this space

### **Wellie Wednesday!**

From now on, we will be spending some time on the field every Wednesday. Wellie Wednesday will happen every Wednesday, come rain or shine! Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers that live at school. Please see Mrs Pioli if you need help with this. **Please ensure school shoes and wellies are labelled clearly!**

### **Theme for the Term: Celebrations!**

We have many events to celebrate this term once we have finished with the excitement of dark and light! Please send in a picture of your child on their last birthday so we can talk about how they celebrate their birthday at home. If there is anything you would like us to know that is different or special to you as a family about your birthday celebrations, please add this with the photo on email or paper.

## Music

Through exploring the sounds of a range of instruments, we will be creating our own sound track for the story Whatever Next.



## Expressive Arts and Design/ maths

We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes over the next week. We will explore how to combine shapes through art to make pictures and constructions- perhaps we might even make some rockets or planets!

## Phonics

We will be more focused in **hearing the sounds in words**- starting with initial sounds and blending sounds together to make words. Our sounds to hear at the beginning of words is 'a' this week.

## Understanding the World

We will explore space this week after the children have shown such an interest in this topic through the story of whatever next. .

**Here are a few reminders to help with the daily running of the Nursery.**

## What to bring into Nursery

Please ensure your child has the following with them every day:

- Clearly named water bottle (a familiar sticker might be useful). This must contain only water please, not juice.
- Clearly named book bag- it is helpful for the book bag to have one keyring on so that your child is able to recognise the book bag.
- Clearly named coat.

**Your child does not need to bring in an additional rucksack with fruit or spare clothes (unless we have a separate arrangement that has been agreed). It is important that your child is able to be independent from the start, so less items to remember will help!**

## Lunchboxes

If your child is in Emperor Penguins please remember to pack a healthy, manageable lunch for your child to eat. If there is too much in their lunchbox, they can become over faced.

If your child needs cutlery, please supply this- we do not have a supply in Nursery.

Grapes- please cut these in half, lengthwise for safety.

**NUT FREE SCHOOL! At The Mead we are a nut free school. There are several children with nut allergies in Nursery. It is of uttermost importance that lunchboxes contain no nuts. This also includes foods that contain sesame seeds such as hummus or crackers with seeds.**

## Uniform

The nursery children look very smart in their new school uniform!

- 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.
- Please name everything!

## UNIFORM

All children are required to wear our nursery uniform. Children can dress in the uniform listed in which they feel most comfortable.

### Uniform Details

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Dark grey tracksuit bottoms or dark grey leggings
- White t-shirt (with or without logo)
- Dark grey or royal blue shorts (for summer)
- Shoes/trainers without laces (we suggest Velcro trainers)
- Book bag with school logo



### Optional Accessories

- Royal blue reversible fleece/waterproof jacket with school logo
- Royal blue sun hat with school logo
- Royal blue winter hat with school logo



Please note that children should not wear any jewellery to nursery.

All clothing and bags should be clearly labelled with your child's name.