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Coming up next week...11/09/2026

Welcome to Your First "Coming Up Next Week"

A very warm welcome to Reception and the start of a fantastic new school year. We have an exciting term planned, filled with opportunities for learning, exploration and fun. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning and development.

PSHE and RHSE

This year, we will be using the Kapow EYFS scheme, whilst adapting and enhancing lessons where appropriate to best meet the needs of our children.

If you'd like to find out more about the scheme, Kapow has a helpful Parent Information Zone: [parent information zone](#)

This half term, our unit is Self-regulation: My feelings.

We'll be exploring different emotions, how feelings affect us, and strategies for looking after our emotional wellbeing.

Please take a look at the attached Knowledge Organiser, which includes the key learning and vocabulary for the unit.

More information about our RHSE curriculum can be found in our school policy RSHE policy [RHSE policy](#). If you would like to view any lesson materials, please email your child's class teacher. We look forward to working together this year as we help our children develop the skills and confidence to thrive both in and out of school.

As part of our PSHE learning, Reception will also be exploring emotions through the Good Morning Club Feelsville programme, helping children to recognise, understand and talk about their feelings.

Learning in school:

Theme for the Term: Transport

This half term, we'll be learning all about Transport! We'll explore different types of transport, share what we already know, and discover how transport has changed from past to present. We'll also learn about maps and journeys and how people travel from place to place. To finish our topic, we'll be holding a Reception Transport Museum, where family members will be invited in to share and talk about their exciting vehicles and transport experiences with the children!

Theme for the week: We will be discussing what we know about transport and going on the field to see what transport we can spot! We are continuing to discuss our feelings and using the Zones of Regulation Board. We will also be sharing who is special to us. **We would like the children to bring or email in photos of the people that are special to them.** These will be displayed around the classroom, and the children will have the opportunity to talk about them. This will feed into a class photo book.

Phonics:

This week in school, we will begin to learn the letter sounds s, a, t, p. We will introduce the words 'phoneme' (the sound the letter makes) and 'grapheme' (the letter written).

Additional notes and reminders

Reminders for Next Week

Family Photo & Transport Photo

As part of our learning this term, we would love each child to bring in:

- A family photograph
- A photograph of a form of transport that is special or interesting to them

Please send these in by Tuesday 15th September. If it is easier, photos can be emailed to your child's class teacher and we will be happy to print them at school.

P.E. Days

From Tuesday 15th September, Reception children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit every Tuesday. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named.

Transport Museum

To celebrate our learning, we will be creating a Reception Transport Museum during the final week of this half term (12th - 16th October). We are looking for any parents, carers or family members who may be willing to share an interesting vehicle with the children. Examples might include:

A motorcycle

A canoe

A camper van

A sports car

A lorry

Or any other interesting form of transport!

If you think you may be able to help, please email your child's class teacher. We would love to hear from you.

Junk Modelling: please could we ask for any plastic tubs/trays, lids, small (up to cereal box size) boxes, egg cartons, kitchen tubes, bubble wrap etc for the children to use and create with. Please hand these to the teacher at drop off or pick up.

- **Homework:** we will be sending the children's sound folders home at the end of the week. Please support your child's learning by practising these during the week. Folders will be collected on Wednesday mornings and returned on Friday with the new sounds sheet. There will be a collection box outside the door at drop off time Wednesday morning.
- Library days are as follows:
 - ✓ Turtles: Friday
 - ✓ Jellyfish: Thursday
 - ✓ Starfish: Wednesday

Every child will be given the chance to borrow a book from the school library. Please ensure that any borrowed books are brought to school, in their bookbag, so they can be changed the following week.

- Please could your child bring a named water bottle to school every day. Please ensure it only has **water** in and that they can use it independently. **Can we also ask that water bottles are not kept in bookbags as they can leak.**
- Just a reminder that your child will need to bring in a pair of named wellies, in a named bag, that stay on their peg.

Class email addresses:

turtles@mead.surrey.sch.uk

starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk

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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.