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Coming up week beginning 31.1.22

We hope your children enjoyed finding a post box to post the letters they wrote last week- please don't forget to send us a picture of them posting them with you!

Please return any clothes you have borrowed ASAP- we're running very low!

RSE

During this week we will learn about keeping ourselves safe. We will watch the Pantasaurus song that teaches us that there are parts of our body that are private. Below is the clip we will watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IL07J0GU5o>

After this, we will talk about how we all have similarities and differences- eye colour, hair length, height etc. We will then meet two life like dolls, a girl and a boy who will be dressed identically. We will explore how we might find out if they are a boy or a girl. We will look at their bodies and discuss the similarities and differences between them, focusing on their anatomy.

Below are the scientific words we will use to talk about these body parts.

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 squashy bags behind the penis

Bottom – rear bottom which has two cheeks that are soft so we can sit comfortably.

Highlight underpants rule (NSPCC) when teaching external sex organ body part names – these areas of the body are places that we don't usually look at on others, or touch. These are parts of the body which we keep covered by our underwear and that we have a right to keep private or to ourselves.

The reason we teach this so early on is for safeguarding purposes, so that we have a common language.

If you are worried about this or have any questions, please see Mrs Pioli.
You have the right to withdraw your child from this lesson- if you do decide to do this please write to Mrs Creasey to inform her. It is important that your child does however watch the pantasauros song first.

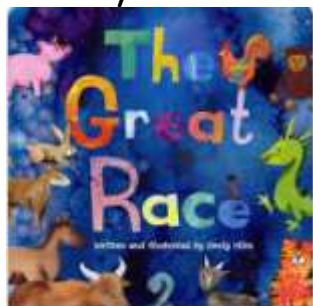
Please note that staff will use the scientific names for the above body parts when supporting children in the toilet or when having discussions that arise.

Theme for the Term: People who help us- Post Office

As always we will be very aware of the childrens' interests throughout the half term so topics can change direction very quickly! We will continue to role play Post Offices this week- we have loved writing letters and can now make our own envelopes!

Literacy and Understanding the World

Our key text this week is called 'The Great Race'.



We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Tuesday! We will be making a Chinese dragon outside ready for a Chinese parade with Chinese music and dancing at the end of our session. We will explore the story of 'The Great Race' with props and also use our fine motor skills to explore one handed tool such as chop sticks, tweezers and scissors in our 'Noodle café'!

Our Goldilocks words are:

- Mail
- Delivered
- Address
- Sorting office
- Post
- Letter
- Stamp
- Envelope
- Post box
- Parcel

Maths and physical development

This week we will be practicing catching balls and bean bags. We will use this opportunity to count and record how many balls or bean bags we caught

altogether, using the cardinal principle we introduced last week. (This is concentrating on knowing that the last number reached when counting a set of objects tells you how many there are in total. This is called the '**cardinal principle**'. This will involve sorting and counting groups of objects and talking about the total of objects in the group.)

Phonics and music

We will continue to concentrate on rhythm and rhyme this week. Singing our ket nursery rhymes, letting the children fill in the rhyming words will be a key part of this. We will also introduce a rhyming game called 'Silly Soup'.

Poetry Basket

A little house
I'm going to build a little house,
With windows big and bright,
And chimneys tall with curling smoke,
Drifting out of sight.
In winter when the snowflakes fall,
Or when I hear a storm,
I'll go and sit in my little house,
Where I'll be snug and warm.

Home learning in case of isolation

Understanding the World- Chinese New Year

Watch the story of the Great Race

https://www.google.com/search?q=The+great+race+Cbeebies&rlz=1C1GCEA_enGB885GB885&oq=The+great+race+Cbeebies&aqs=chrome..69j57.9544j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on

Phonics- Listen to this rhyming story- can you join in?

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/hairy-maclary/>

Library

We will start lending books from our Nursery library over the next two weeks. Your child will be able to take a book home each week.

Please ensure it is their bag on their Library day.

Is my child too ill for school?

Please see link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Birthdays

We love to celebrate everyone's birthday at The Mead. If you would like to mark the occasion with your child, we suggest buying a book to give to the class as a present is a fun way of doing this. Here is a link for books we love.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/preschool>

We are a healthy school and therefore sweets and treats are not appropriate please.

Attendance

Please report any absences to the attendance email address
attendance@mead.surrey.sch.uk

Reminders

Uniform

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

- Just a reminder this year we have introduced compulsory uniform. This consists of grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings and The Mead sweatshirt and white t-shirt. In summer children are able to wear grey or royal blue shorts.
- 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.

Lunch boxes

Please remember that we are a nut free school so lunch must not include anything with nuts or that contain nuts at all. Please be careful to pack a lunchbox that is accessible for your child so that they can open packets themselves and that they are not over faced with too much food. Please cut

grapes in half (long ways) so that they are safe for your child to eat without it being a choking hazard. Please remember to pack balanced, healthy lunch for your child.

Please can we also remind you to label everything including lunch boxes.
Thank you

Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs and interests of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.

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!



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