

NURSERY



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Coming up week beginning 30.1.23

To help us with our learning in a few weeks, if possible, please send in a stamped, addressed envelope with your child next week!

Top Tip

When helping your child with mark making or writing, please do not use capital letters unless it is at the start of their name!

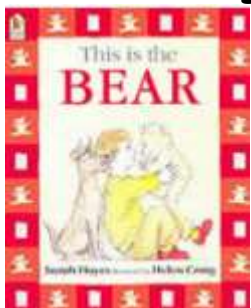
Theme for the Term: People who help us

The focus this half term will focus on 'People who help us'. We will start off by exploring what we already know about occupations and then delve into a few occupations, learning new words, understanding the roles people have, and how they help us. This week we will brainstorm what we already know.

Refuse Collectors

This week we will focus on the occupation of Refuse Collectors.

Understanding the World



We will be exploring the occupation of Refuse Collectors this week. We will read the above story about a bear who accidentally ends up on the journey from the bin to the rubbish dump. We will look at videos of what Refuse Collectors do and also why it is important to throw your rubbish in the bin. We will also make signs to tell people to put rubbish in the bin and explore recycling too.

Maths

This week we will continue to play a game called '5 nice things'. This game will enable us to use many skills including counting, number recognition and understanding that the final number we count is the number of objects we have. This is called 'cardinality'.

Physical Development

Our focus this week will be manipulation and fine motor skills. We will introduce dough disco- a fun session where we manipulate the dough by rolling, squashing, patting and all sorts of other movements to music. This will be a regular activity in Nursery and will help develop the muscles in our hands ready for writing.

We will also be adding the balance bikes to the bike station and will support the children in balancing and gliding on these bikes.

Expressive Arts and Design/ Literacy

We will spend some time writing down the children's stories in our special 'Helicopter Stories' book and then act the stories out at the end of the week.

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.

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.