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Coming up next week...27/04/2026

From Lambs to Little Crawlers!

We had great fun meeting the sheep and her lambs last week, and the children loved learning all about them. Now we are excited to welcome caterpillars into our classrooms! The children have been fascinated as they watch them grow fatter and fatter, just like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and they are eagerly awaiting the moment when they spin their chrysalises.

Visit to Nower Wood

We are also very excited about our upcoming trip on Tuesday 19th May and you should have received an email from the office with all the information!

To secure your child's place on the trip, please log into your Arbor account to give consent.

If you can't see any trip or payment request then we may need to reset Arbor, please email office@mead.surrey.sch.uk

Volunteers Wanted!

If you would like to volunteer and join us on our adventure please speak to your class teacher!

Learning in school:

Theme for the half term: plants and minibeasts

This half term, the children will be learning all about plants and the natural world around them. They will explore how plants grow by finding out what seeds need to thrive, identifying the different parts of a plant, and planting their own seeds to observe how they change over time.

The children will also become *mini nature detectives* as they search for minibeasts around the school grounds. Through hands-on investigations, they will learn about different habitats and the small creatures that live within our environment.

Theme for the Week: Life cycle of a caterpillar

We will be continuing to focus on life cycles, supporting the children to observe, talk about, and learn the life cycle of our caterpillars as well as fun and exciting activities. In writing, the children will be continuing their one day writing projects focussing on the middle and the end of their stories!

Phonics:

This week in Phonics we will be focussing on reading and writing *CCVCC*, *CCVC* and *CCCVCC* words with phase 3 long vowel sounds ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er. We will also be learning the tricky words were, here, little and says.

Maths:

In maths, we're having lots of hands-on fun with adding and taking away, while recapping our number bonds to 10 through practical activities.

Additional notes and reminders

Please could we ask that all school jumpers and cardigans are clearly named. As the weather is getting warmer, children often take them off at lunchtime, and it becomes very difficult to return them to the correct owner if they are not named. Thank you for your support.

We have been teaching the children about staying safe at the end of the school day and what to do if they are unable to locate the adult that has collected them. The children have been advised not to leave the school premises and to knock on a classroom door so that a member of school staff can assist them and ensure they remain safe, or to speak to a familiar adult if one is nearby. Children's safety is our utmost priority at the school, and we kindly ask that parents reinforce these messages at home.

Please remember to put your child's library book in their book bag on their class library day. Library days are as follows:

- ✓ Turtles: Friday
- ✓ Starfish: Wednesday
- ✓ Jellyfish: Thursday

Class email addresses:

turtles@mead.surrey.sch.uk

starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk

jellyfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk

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.