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Coming up next week...04/05/2026

Visit to Nower Wood

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

Some children have still not been given consent for the upcoming trip. Please note that without consent, your child will unfortunately be unable to attend.

Please ensure that both consent and payment are completed via Arbor as soon as possible. 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!

Thank you to everyone who has kindly volunteered to help on the trip — we really appreciate your support. We have received more offers than we need, so to ensure this is as fair as possible, names will be selected out of a hat.

We will inform those selected this week!

Deaf awareness week

This week the children will be exploring what it means to be deaf and how we can make sure everyone feels supported and included. We'll be learning about the different ways people who are deaf are supported, including how we can communicate using sign language, clear speech, facial expressions and visual cues.

The children will also discover how hearing aids and cochlear implants work. Through discussions and activities we'll be celebrating differences and learning how to be kind, understanding and inclusive communicators!

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.

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We will also be editing and completing our one-day writing projects, giving the children the chance to polish their work, improve their ideas, and feel proud of their finished pieces. It's a great opportunity to celebrate their creativity and see just how much their writing has progressed!

Phonics:

This week in Phonics we will be focussing on reading and writing phase 4 longer words and compound words as well as the tricky words then, where, what and one.

Maths:

In maths this week, we will be exploring number bonds to 10, helping the children build confidence and fluency with numbers. We'll also be practising missing number sentences using both addition and subtraction, encouraging careful thinking and problem-solving in a fun and engaging way.

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.

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.