

NURSERY



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Coming up week beginning 1.6.26

Class email addresses-

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Junk modelling- we are very low on junk at the moment and it is very popular!

Please don't throw your recycling away- we need boxes, lots of bottle tops, plastic containers, etc

Please make sure none of the packaging has contained nuts!

Also, if anyone is able to source paper of any kind we would love donations!



Yogurt lids

Reception classes- only children moving up to reception in September 2025

We realise you will be eagerly waiting to find out more information about which class your child will be in. You will receive this information just before move up day on 30th June.

This half term we will be exploring places near and far. This might be a local park, woodland, river, pond, mountain, seaside or abroad. If you have any photos of your child anywhere like this, please feel free to send it in, either on the class email, or on paper.

Part time Rockhoppers

After half term we will be starting to think about our transition into Reception. To help with this we would like to start to have a packed lunch every Friday at school from 11.15-12 before the children go home. Please pack a small lunch for your child- see notes below about lunchboxes. Please name lunch boxes on the **outside**. Obviously not everyone will be moving to Reception, but we'd love for everyone to join in with lunch.

Hot weather

Please ensure your child has a sun hat and a water bottle. Sunscreen should be applied before school- the longer lasting suncream might be a good idea for children here all day. Please do not put suncream in your child's bag for safety reasons.

Poetry basket show

The children are very excited to do a little show of their poetry basket poems and songs they have learnt over the year- they have quite a repertoire! This will be on Thursday 9th July for both Rockhoppers and Emperor Penguins. Timings to follow.

Spare clothes- any spare school uniform and especially underwear would be very welcome!

Theme for the Term: We're going on an adventure!

Theme for the week:

Our focus this half term will be on exploring. Initially this we will explore different places that are different to where we will such as the forest, rivers or the seaside. This will then develop into a few weeks on transitioning into Reception for those children who are moving on.

Theme for the week:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Literacy, Understanding the world, literacy Maths and Music

We will read 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', while carefully exploring the different environments the family explore. We will explore with our whole bodies what it might be like to go through swishy swashy grass, a splashy river or squelchy mud. We will talk about when we might have seen these different environments with photos of real-life examples. We will use this story to use directional language while we tell the story, using the language such as through, over, and around. We will create maps for the Bear Hunt story to show the location of the grass, river, mud, snow and cave.

At the end of the week, we will explore how we can create sounds for the different parts of the story, experimenting with different instruments. We will also use objects or marks to tell when or what to play.

PSHE- We will have a focus on looking after our resources and following rules as we transition back into Nursery after half term.

Physical Development- Gross motor

This half term we will work on our agility and fitness skills. This will involve moving in different ways, working on control, speed and coordination.

Physical Development- Fine motor

This half term we will continue to work on our fine motor control ready for writing. This will involve using scissors correctly and finger and hand control.

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!

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!





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.