

NURSERY



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Coming up week beginning 2/3/26

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World Book Day at The Mead - Thursday 5th March 2026

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are very excited to be welcoming two authors into school to work with children from Nursery to Year 2. They will be sharing their books, leading interactive sessions, and setting the children some fun creative challenges inspired by their stories.

Books by the visiting authors will be available to purchase after school on the day, and they will be happy to sign and personalise copies for children. If you are unable to attend the book sale at the end of the day, books can also be purchased in advance via the authors' website with free delivery. Please mention that your child attends The Mead when ordering so that books can be brought into school on the day for your child to take home. Copies can also be signed and personalised beforehand.

Website: <https://www.creativechameleonbooks.co.uk/shop>

On World Book Day, children are also welcome to come to school dressed as something from a book they love. This can be simple and homemade — a full costume is not required.

Toy donations

At this time of year, many of you might be having a Spring Clean, clearing out old toys at home. We are looking to increase our range of toys and equipment at lunchtime, and we would gratefully receive any donations of good quality toys that you may no longer want to keep.

We are particularly looking for:

- Play food
- Play crockery
- Dolls
- Dinosaurs

- Superhero toys
- Plastic animals (NOT soft toys)
- Vehicles - cars, trains, construction vehicles
- Toy garages
- Space rockets
- Lego - particularly wheels
- Tills and shopping baskets

Please note toys need to be appropriate for children aged 4 and older.

If you have anything on this list that you would like to donate, please bring it to the School Hall on Wednesday 4th March.

Junk modelling- 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

Luna New Year

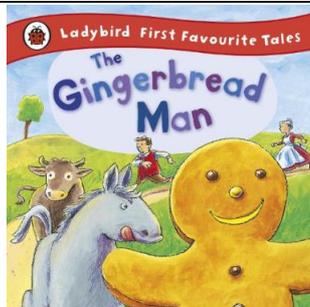
If you are celebrating Luna new Year over half term, please remember to send in photos to the email addresses above!

Theme for the Term:

Terrific Tales

We look forward to enjoying some terrific tales this half term now the children are able to enjoy and talk about longer stories. All of these stories will involve concepts such as 'who' the characters are and 'where' they are set. We will use colourful semantics to support the children in understanding these new concepts which will in turn help the children in talking about stories with new vocabulary.

Literacy. Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Now we know the story of *The Gingerbread Man* really well, we will focus on the structure of the story, using language such as first, next and last while retelling.

Poetry basket





Little Gingerbread man

Little Gingerbread Man,
Where did you go?
Out of the oven with a
ho ho ho!
With two little legs you ran
and ran,
Please come back
Little Gingerbread man!

Maths and DT

We will explore the problem of how the *Gingerbread man* might get across the river through making bridges out of a range of materials to help the *Gingerbread Man*.

Music

This week we will create music to play while retelling the story of the *Gingerbread man*, considering how we can change the sounds using the vocabulary such as fast, slow, loud and quiet.

Science

We will explore what happens when mixing together the ingredients when making *Gingerbread men*

What to bring into Nursery:
Lunchboxes

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL! This includes anything that contains nuts such as peanut butter or Nutella. To keep all children safe with nut allergies, please also ensure you do not include pesto in your child's lunch box There are several children with nut allergies in Nursery. It is of uttermost importance that lunchboxes contain no nuts.

If your child is in in Nursery all day 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. Please name your child's lunch box on the outside of the lunchbox so it is easily visible.

Grapes and olives- please cut these in half, lengthwise for safety.

Look out for a 'Healthy Packed Lunch Guide' that will be sent out next week.

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
- Clearly named sun hat (when needed)

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!

Happy hellos and great goodbyes- Part of the Mead way is to say hello and goodbye at the start and end of the day. Please encourage your child to say hello and goodbye!

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.