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*Coming up next week...8/9/2025*

*Year 1 have had a fantastic start back at school and they are all doing so well with all the new routines. 😊*

## Maths

In maths we are starting with place value within 10. We have started by revising accurate counting and will be building on this learning by counting on from any number and identifying 1 more. These skills will prepare us for a solid understanding of addition. The resources we will be using will be number tracks and tens frames. Alongside this we will also be recognising numbers as words and introducing the word 'numeral'.

## English

At the Mead we want the children to enjoy writing and encourage them to write for pleasure. This week the children will explore how story books are made and will then make their own picture book. They'll focus on the different stages of making a book from the idea through to the published version.

## Phonics

This year we are continuing to use the Phonics scheme, 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.' We will be recapping the phase 3 sounds they learned in Reception and reading words containing digraphs e.g. *h-ar-d* and *d-ee-p*. We will also be recapping the tricky words: no, go, so, my, by, to, into, out and the.

## Reading

This week will be individual reads. Please make sure that your child's book is in their book bag.

## Reading Books

Your child will have brought home their yellow reading record book. This replaces boom reader as our reading record system. Please write in the book when you have read with your child and add a comment regarding your child's reading. Please ensure the reading record and their reading book is in your child's book bag each day.

## Topic

Our topic for this half term will be 'Mindful Me.'

In PSHE we will be talking about our classroom rules and how these help us to learn and stay safe.

In Science we will be learning about the body and naming different parts of our body.

In Geography we will be exploring maps as we navigate our way around the year one part of the building.

To help us introduce our History work on timelines we would like everyone to bring in a named baby photo we can use by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## PE

The children will have two weekly PE sessions, one indoors and one outdoors.

Currently the PE days are:

Badgers - Tuesday & Wednesday

Hedgehogs - Wednesday & Thursday

Squirrels - Wednesday & Friday

Please ensure all children are sent to school wearing their appropriate PE kit on the days that their class has PE and please remove any earrings.

The children will also have a Yoga session every Monday. PE kit is not required for this session but if girls would like to wear their PE shorts/cycling shorts under their dress or skirt they are very welcome to do so.

## Homework

To help us start our learning in history we would like all the children to bring in one photograph of them as a baby so we can create our own timelines. Please can we have all named photos by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

For homework this week please read with your child four times and record it in their reading record.

## **Reminders**

Classroom doors will open for the school day at 8:30am and close at 8.35am for morning registration.

At the beginning of the school day please can all children wait outside their Year One class area but not on the ramp that leads up to the classroom door. The classroom door will open at 8.30am and at this time the children can make their way in.

The end of the school day is 3.05. If you are running late, please let the school office know who will pass the message on. Please do not email the class email address as it is unable to be checked regularly during the school day.

At the end of day please wait in the area outside the Year One class and not on the ramp that leads up to the classroom door. At home time the class door will open and the class teacher will dismiss the children when they see the adult who is collecting them.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please wait until all the children have been dismissed before doing so. Alternatively, you can email your child's class teacher.

The class email addresses are: [badgers@mead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:badgers@mead.surrey.sch.uk)  
[hedgehogs@mead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hedgehogs@mead.surrey.sch.uk)  
[Squirrels@mead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Squirrels@mead.surrey.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support in helping us make the beginning and the end of the day work as smoothly and calmly as possible.

Please ensure all clothing and equipment is named so we can easily find and return it to the children.

Please remember no toys should come into school and 1 or 2 keyrings on bookbags only.

Please also ensure that your child has shoes that they can do up on their own for school, e.g. Velcro, buckles or elastic laces. Please do not send your child with shoes with tie up laces unless they can independently tie them, as we cannot do their laces up for them.

*Thank you for your support*