

NURSERY



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Coming up week beginning 3/11/25

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The children have had a fabulous half term! It's hard to believe they have only been with us for such a short while!

Diwali

If you and your family are celebrating Diwali in half term, we would love you to help us celebrate too- see a member of the Nursery team or email your class address.

Firework pictures- please send any photos of your firework celebrations either on email on a paper copy. This helps your child discuss their experience.



Theme for the half term: Celebrations and Festivals

This half term is all about special celebrations and how we all mark these occasions. The theme naturally lends itself to dark and light so many of our books are based in the nighttime. Celebrations in Nursery this half term are Diwali, birthdays and then Christmas!

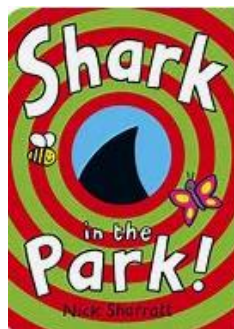
Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will continue to focus on looking after our resources by tidying them away when we have finished! This will be our focus for the week.
- Zones of regulation- we continue to use the Zones of regulation board to focus on 'green' and also 'blue' this week. Green is when we feel happy and ready to learn. Blue is when might feel sad, poorly, tired, etc.

Communication and Language, Reading and phonics

Reading

We will introduce the skill of prediction this week. We will spend some time examining our new key text, 'Shark in the Park', linking the first page to our own experiences of going to the park and what we can see in the picture. We will brainstorm what we think the story might be about and what we think might happen in depth before reading it. This story is full of rhymical and fun text that you will soon know very well! (If your child doesn't know this story yet, please don't introduce it to them until after Tuesday once we have made all of our predictions!)



PSHE/ RE

This week we will have a Diwali party on Wednesday 5th November. Please help us celebrate if this is a family celebration- see one of the Nursery team.

Maths

This week we will learn about positional language through the story 'Shark in the park' and a small world hands on resource to help us explore the words on top, under, next to, in front and behind.

Music

Please let us know if your child has a particular favourite piece of music they enjoy listening to or dancing to so that we can incorporate this into our music learning and enjoyment.

Physical development

Squiggle while you wiggle is a movement and music activity to help strengthen our upper body and elbow pivot, ready for writing. We will focus on this over the next half term, ready for writing!

Poetry basket

Whoosh bang wee
Whoosh bang wee
Listen to the fireworks go
Whoosh bang wee!

Here are a few reminders to help with the daily running of the Nursery.
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 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 overfaced. 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.