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Coming up next week...

02.03.26

Maths

In Maths we will be consolidating the children's understanding of place value. We will be exploring representations of 2 digit numbers that are not organised in place value order. We will continue to use the stem sentences: I have ___ tens and ___ ones. We will also be using examples of number lines with different start and end point values, as well as number lines between zero and 50 or between multiples of 10.

English

Next week we are continuing our non-fiction page using the facts the children have completed to support our writing. We will also be including questions and widen our knowledge of conjunctions.

Phonics and Reading

Our new graphemes will be: tch (ch) match, ture (ch) adventure, al (ar) calm, a (ar) father
And our new tricky words are: **because, eye**
Our fluency poem this week will be: What's in the Garden? Our fluency skill will be punctuation.

Topic

History- In history this half term we will be learning about things beyond living memory. We will be exploring the Victorian era and focusing on inventions.

Science- In Science we will be learning to identify parts of a flowering plant. We can gain this knowledge from looking at images of plants, however, we would love to make it more interactive for the children by allowing them to see and handle real plants up close. **If you have any flowers that you wouldn't mind donating, either shop bought or from your garden, we think it would have a real impact on the children's learning.**

RE- This week we will be learning about the life of Jesus and answering the questions: Where can we look to find out about Jesus? And what did he do?

Art- We will be exploring 3D drawing. A link will be made between the drawing work we explored in the first term of Bridget Riley, with the 3D sculpture work we looked at last week of Samantha Stephenson.

Additional notes and reminders

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

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.

Class email addresses:
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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.