

NURSERY



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Coming up week beginning 17/11/25

Class emails

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Nursery WhatsApp group

If you have not yet joined the WhatsApp group for your child's class, please find a member of the nursery class who will be able to help you.

Moon day!

Following on from our new key text 'Whatever Next' on Friday 28th November we will be launching our rocket to the moon, just like Baby Bear. The children have been very excited by rockets, astronauts, the earth and beyond so we thought we would look further into what it is like to fly to the moon like an astronaut.

To enable us to have a safe journey to the moon we will need the children to come dressed appropriately. They can dress as an astronaut, with a space helmet, etc. Please don't buy anything new for this- simple is best!



Christmas Show

The Nursery Christmas Show will be on Tuesday 2nd December.

Emperor- 9.30am

Rockhoppers- 11am

Emperors- 2.30pm

Please send your child into school on this day with a Christmas jumper on.

More information to follow!

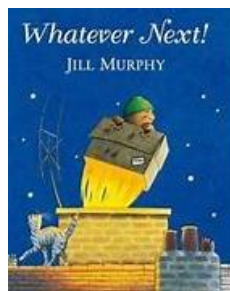
Theme for the half term: Celebrations and Festivals

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!

Communication and Language, Reading and phonics

Reading

We will continue to work on the skill of prediction this week. We will spend some time examining our new key text, 'Whatever Next', linking the this book with the theme of stories in the dark. We will brainstorm what we think the story might be about and what we think might happen in depth before reading it. (If your child doesn't know this story yet, please don't introduce it to them until after Tuesday once we have made all our predictions!)



Understanding the Word/ RE/ Expressive arts and design

Through our stories we are starting to explore dark and light. We will spend time exploring and observing how light up resources behave and what they look like in the dark.

Poetry basket

Breezy Weather Breezy weather.

Freezy weather.

When the leaves fall, we all fall together.

Breezy weather. Freezy weather.

When the wind blows, we huddle together.

Maths

This week we will focus on subitising and using number fingers.

What is subitising? Subitising is **being able to visually see a number of objects instantly without needing to count them out one at a time**. Your child might show you how many on their fingers rather than saying the number which is the first building block to subitising. We only expect children to subitise to three in Nursery.

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.

Phonics

We will start exploring initial sounds this week with two games- what's in the box, and Bertha the bus. This week's sound will be 'a'

		Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth a
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Please be careful when pronouncing the sounds - they are soft sounds without adding an 'uh' sound at the end- see link below.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

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 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.