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Coming up next week...02/03/2026

REMINDER: Shared Learning Session

The Big Read

Monday 2nd March 2:30-2:50pm

in your child's classroom

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.

Learning in school:

Theme for the Term: Next half term our topic is **Animals**

We will be exploring different types of animals and building on the children's existing knowledge and interests. Through stories, discussions and non-fiction texts, we will learn about animals that live near us, on farms, and in other environments around the

world. The children will compare animal features, habitats and needs, while asking questions and sharing facts as they develop their understanding of the animal world.

Theme for the Week:

This week the children will be learning about the different creatures we might find nearby—such as birds, insects, and small mammals—and talking about where they live and what they need to survive. We will be going on simple observation walks, using pictures and stories to support learning, and encouraging the children to share their own experiences of animals they have seen around them.

Phonics:

This week in Phonics, we will be reviewing Phase 3: er, air, words with double letters and reading longer words.

Maths:

In maths this week, we are looking at numbers 9 and 10. The children will take part in a range of practical activities to help them recognise, count and represent these numbers in different ways. They will be using hands-on resources, number songs, and real-life objects to deepen their understanding, as well as practising careful counting and beginning to compare quantities.

Additional notes and reminders

Homework

Maths homework can be found in the blue homework folders in your child's bookbag.

Please pick a game to play and write notes on how your child is getting on.

Homework folders will be collected in the same day that sounds folders are collected in.

Please continue reading with your child as often as you can and practising the sounds in their sound folder.

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.

Please remember to put your child's library book in their book bag on their class library day. Library days are as follows:

- ✓ *Turtles: Friday*
- ✓ *Starfish: Wednesday*
- ✓ *Jellyfish: Thursday*

Class email addresses:

turtles@mead.surrey.sch.uk

starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk

jellyfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk

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.