NURSERY NURSERY

Coming up week beginning 9/11/26

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Half term fun!

Thank you to those who have sent in photos of your half term. There is still time to do this! Please send any photos of your half term break to help the children talk about what they did- this could be playing with their toys, going to the park or seeing family- we'd love to hear about what you did!

Please see information below regarding a course on 'How to support your child when they are dysregulated' on Monday 30th November 9-10.30am. at Auriol Junior School.



Firework pictures- please send any photos of your firework celebrations either via email on a paper copy



Diwali party!

We will be holding a Diwali party on Tuesday 10th November!

Please see Mrs Pioli if you celebrate Diwali and are able to help at our party. If you celebrate Diwali, please send any photos of your celebrations to the above email address.

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 focus on:

- Diwali

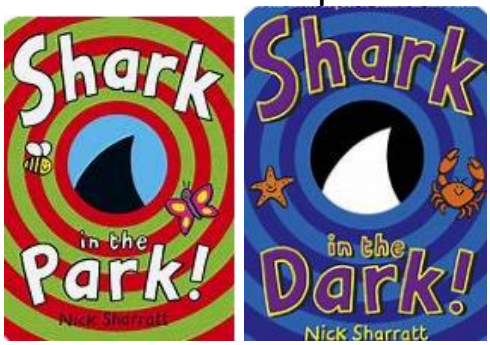
Communication and Language, Reading and phonics

Reading

We will continue to explore the skill of prediction this week. We will spend some time examining our new key text, 'Shark in the Dark', linking the first page to our own experiences of being in the dark. Before brainstorming what we think the story might be about we will focus on 'who' is in the story and 'what they are doing'. These link to colourful semantics to help us answer and ask questions.



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!)



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!

Expressive arts and design

We will explore light, dark and colours through large, collaborative firework pictures using a range of tools and paint.

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 's'

Grapheme card	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase
		Show your teeth and let the **s** hiss out **ssssss**

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

Children's belongings

Please label absolutely everything, incuding the outsie of your child's lunch box, water bottle, jumper or cardigan and coat. We will be adding a name label onto all of the children's book bags- please keep these on the book bags to help us and your child keep your book bags safe and easy to find.

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

What to bring into Nursery

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!

Lunchboxes

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL! This includes anything that contains sesame seeds such as hummus. There are several children with nut allergies in Nursery. It is of uttermost importance that lunchboxes contain no nuts.

If your child is in 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.

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.