



## NURSERY

## Coming up next week...4/1/21

Thank you all so much for your support throughout this term. We understand this has been an incredibly difficult year and we are so proud of how they children have coped and settled in to nursery. We would also like to thank you for our cards, gifts and all of your kind words.

Have a very restful break! Merry Christmas

Learning in school:

Topic: Our topic this half term is "Who Will We Meet in this Story?" Our focus this term will be on stories with a focus on traditional tales.

This week we will be exploring all of our favourite books. Please can you email a photo of your with their favourite book to your class teacher by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The children will be sharing these with their friends throughout the week. The teachers will also be reading their favourite stories to the children and we will begin to look at 'who' is in our story. (characters)

We will also be sharing our Christmas News in small group circle time session to help children to develop their speaking and listening skills.

## Poetry Basket

We will be recapping all of our poems from the Poetry Basket this week. The children have really enjoyed learning these poems. These are a collection of poems performed with actions that the children will learn on a very regular basis so they are fluent at reciting them. Research of the Poetry Basket website states

"If children know eight nursery rhymes by heart, by the time they are four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they are eight."

> Our poem this week is... Here's a nest for Mrs Bluebird. Here is a hive for Mr Bee. Here's a hole for Bunny Rabbit, And here's a little house for me.

Home learning (for children self-isolating):

- Draw a picture of your Christmas celebration. You could draw a picture of your favourite present or a picture of your family that you celebrated with.
- Find your favourite stories and read them with a grown up.
- Make a thank you card for any gifts you received. Can you practise writing your name?

Additional notes and reminders

It has been lovely to see the children have been practising writing their names, please remember to only use a capital letter at the beginning of their name and use lower case letters for the rest. It is also important that the children learn the letter sounds before the letter names <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8</u> here is a link to a video showing you the letter sounds. Thank you.

Please could you email your class teacher a photo of your child holding their favourite book by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Library- Please return your Christmas library book this week. The children will be choosing a new book this week, your child will have set library day. We will put a slip in their book bag to let you know which day this is. E.g. If your child's library day is a Wednesday they will need to return their books every Wednesday and will be choosing a new one on the same day. If you have not returned your library book we will be unable to give you a new one.

We would also love any photos of any celebrations unique to your family or anything that represents or is part of your culture.

Please ensure all gloves, hats and scarves are named and please remember the children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school.

Class email addresses: Rockhopper Penguins <u>amnursery@mead.surrey.sch.uk</u> Emperor Penguins <u>30pmnursery@mead.surrey.sch.uk</u>

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.