



**Year 2**

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are feeling refreshed! Year 2 are now settled into their routines and are growing in confidence and independence. This term is full of exciting learning opportunities and new challenges across the curriculum.

Please continue to read with your child five times a week and sign their planners. Just 10 minutes a week on Numbots and Ed Shed spelling at home really helps your child make progress in class, thank you for your support!

We are excited for our trip to the Oxford Ashmolean Museum on **Tuesday 24th February** to explore portraits. Maple class will also enjoy outdoor learning sessions every Thursday, giving children hands-on experiences and learning in the fresh air.

We welcome any questions or concerns and are here to support you and your child, our door is always open!

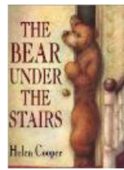
Many thanks,  
Mrs Pack

**Curriculum Information**

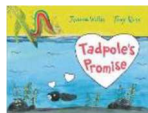
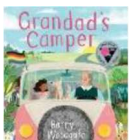
**English**



This half term, we are learning to write both to entertain and to inform through stories, letters, retellings, and our own narratives. We



will develop skills such as using capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, consistent tense, progressive verbs, adverbs, commas in lists of adjectives, and spelling contracted forms and some common homophones, as well as editing and improving our writing.



**History/Geography**

**Explorers-** The children will learn about significant explorers from history and how their journeys have shaped the world we live in today. They will explore the achievements of Neil Armstrong, Amelia Earhart, Matthew Henson, and Ibn Battuta, discovering the challenges they faced and the impact of their explorations on modern society.

**The UK (London)-** The children will explore the countries of the UK, their capital cities, and key features. They will also learn about human and physical geography, including landmarks, cities, and natural features.

**Maths**

This term, the children will be building their confidence with a range of new topics. They will learn to recognise and use different coins and notes in our Money unit. In Multiplication and Division, they will explore equal groups, repeated addition and simple sharing and grouping.

The children will also develop their understanding of Length, Height, Mass, Capacity and Temperature, using practical activities to compare, measure and record using standard units.

**Science**

This term, the children will explore more habitats and learn how animals are suited to their environments. They will also begin to look at simple food chains.

In Animals Including Humans, they will build on their understanding of keeping healthy by learning more about nutrition, hygiene and the importance of regular exercise.



**Computing**

**Algorithms –** The children will act out and write simple sequences of instructions, learning to give clear, unambiguous commands and use logical reasoning to make things happen.

**Quizzes –** They will build and test short command sequences, predict the outcome of commands, and match different sequences that produce the same result.



**DT/Art**

The children will be designing and making a mechanical fairground wheel, exploring how simple mechanisms can create movement in their model.

In Art, the children will explore portraiture in both realistic and abstract styles. They will develop their sketching skills by practising realistic facial features and then choose their preferred style to create their own self-portrait.



<b>RE</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>PSHE</b>
<p>The children will explore different ways Christians pray, including prayers of praise, adoration, confession, asking, and rejoicing. They will also learn about the meaning and importance of the Lord's Prayer.</p> <p>The children will learn that Hindus believe in Brahman, one God with many forms, and will explore the Trimurti as well as key figures such as Rama and Sita, Ganesha, Hanuman, and important Gurus and Rishis.</p>	<p>Maple class will be enjoying an outdoor learning session every Thursday for Spring Term 1.</p> <p>In PE next term, we will be learning Gymnastics &amp; Dance.</p>	<p>Dreams &amp; Goals- The children will think about their own goals and what steps they can take to achieve them. They will also explore the different emotions they may experience along the way.</p> <p>Healthy Me- The children will learn how to use a search engine safely and consider how reliable online information can be. They will also explore different methods of communicating online.</p>







**Music**

- In Music we follow the Charanga programme. This term, we will
- Explore loud or soft, fast or slow, smooth and connected or short and detached.
  - Explore harmony in music, using instruments and vocals together.

**Home Learning**

- At Meadow Park Academy, we believe that home learning can provide valuable opportunities to consolidate and practice learning. We expect all children in Year 2 to complete the following weekly:
- 10 minutes on Numbots
  - Daily reading of phonics books and practice key sounds (recorded in reading record)
- Daily story time, with an adult reading (a nice, cosy bedtime book!)

<b>Reading</b>	<b>Spelling Shed</b>	<b>Numbots</b>
<p>The children will be sent home with a reading book matching their phonological knowledge so they can continue to practice their learning at home.</p> <p>They are expected to read 5 times per week.</p>  <p>A note of this should be put in their reading record book.</p>	<p>As a school, we have subscribed to Spelling Shed, an incredible app that allows children to practice their spellings in a fun and interactive way.</p>  <p>Logins have already been sent out, but please speak to your class teacher if you need another copy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/">https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/</a></p>	 <p>Children have logins to Numbots stuck into their reading record. This is great for practicing maths fluency online.</p> <p><a href="https://numbots.com/">https://numbots.com/</a></p>  <p><b>Times Table Rockstars</b></p> <p>Times Table Rockstars is a wonderful program which allows children to battle and play games to win tokens. All they have to do, is answer their times tables!</p> <p><a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></p>

**If you are struggling to access any of this homework, please speak to your child's class teacher about alternative arrangements.**



**Other information**

**School Uniform**

All children should come to school in the correct school uniform, which is:

- Meadow Park sweatshirt
- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain grey or white socks
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt
- Black, sensible shoes (no heels)



**Outdoor learning**

Maple Class will have Outdoor Learning every **Thursday**

On these days, please ensure your child brings a full change of clothes (including underwear) suitable for keeping them warm and dry. Please make sure that all items are labelled with your child's name.

Outdoor Learning will go ahead in all weather conditions, so appropriate clothing is essential.

Items your child will need:

- Warm layers (jumper or fleece)
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Hat and gloves
- Spare socks
- Wellies or sturdy outdoor shoes

At the end of the day, children should be collected from the Outdoor Learning area rather than the classroom.

**Any issues?**

In the first instance, please speak with the class teacher at the end of the day. If you are unable to be there on collection, please contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with the teacher.

If you are still unsatisfied, please arrange a meeting with the phase leader.

Acorns, Cherry, Willow, Maple – **Mrs Pack**  
Beech, Sycamore, Elm, Chestnut, Ash, Holly, Hazel, Oak – **Ms Geary**

If after that meeting, you continue to be unhappy with the resolution, please contact the school office to make an appointment with **Ms Holehouse, Ms Voisey or Ms Drysdale**.

If you require specific support regarding a child with SEN, please arrange a meeting with **Ms Mughal**.

**Lunchtime**

Our delicious lunches are provided by Educatering, formally known as Crumbs.



Lunches must be ordered by **midnight on Tuesday**, to ensure that your child has lunches for the **following** week. As the lunches are cooked to order, there are usually no spare lunches.

You can place your lunch orders through MCAS.



**Snacks and**



**Water**

**Bottles**

Please make sure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school, so that they can stay hydrated.

We also welcome the children to bring in a healthy, nut free snack to enjoy at playtime.

**Key Dates for your diary**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Staff INSET day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Children return to school**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Reception Open Morning

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Winter Safety Assembly

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Breakfast Workshops for Year 5

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Year 5 Fire Safety Session

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Online Safety Workshops

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Last Day of Half Term

**HALF TERM – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – Children return to school

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Year 2 to Oxford Ashmolean Museum

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – World Book Day

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 3 to RHS Wisley

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 4 to Hampton Court Palace

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – International ‘Read to Me’ Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Red Nose Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 1 to Winsor Castle

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Acorns to Brooklands Museum

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 3 & 4 performances

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Clubs end

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – End of Spring Term – Finish at 1:30pm**

**A reminder that in the Summer Term, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Meadow Park Academy will be closed for all children, apart from Year 6, as we are being used as a Polling Station.**