



Year 5

Welcome back Year 5, and happy New Year!

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting spring term ahead. This term is packed with lots of new and engaging learning opportunities, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into the classroom. From exploring exciting new topics across the curriculum to developing new skills and knowledge, it promises to be a busy and rewarding term for everyone.

One of our highlights this spring will be swimming lessons, with Ash class will be taking part in during Spring 1 and Holly class in Spring 2. We can't wait to see the enthusiasm and progress the children will make as the term unfolds!

Both teachers in Year 5 welcome an open-door policy and are happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns.

Many thanks for all your support,
Ms Geary and Miss Tomes

Curriculum Information

English

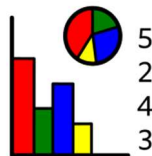
This term in English, we will be studying a range of wonderful texts around the themes of enterprise and activism and Utopia vs dystopia . The texts in Spring 1 will be the invention of Hugo Cabret. In Spring 2 we will look at the three little pigs and the last wild.



Maths

In Maths, this term, we are going to be focusing on multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area, and statistics.

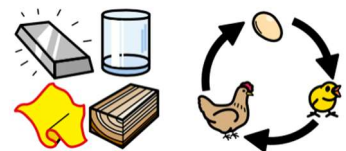
We will be focusing on ensuring a range of strategies are available to us when answering these questions.



Science

In science we will be learning about changes in materials, which includes looking to chemical and physical reactions.

We will then be moving onto animals including humans, where we will explore mammal, specifically human, life cycles.



Geography/History

In geography this term we will be learning about 'our connected world', which will explore time zones and world trade.



During history we will be focusing on Vikings, specifically how they invaded Britain, where they came from, what daily life in Viking Britain looked like and how the Vikings influenced modern Britain.



Computing

During computing, we will learn **Selection in Physical Computing** and **Selection in Quizzes**.

During these units, we will explore different formats of 'computing' including different equipment and software.



Art

In Art, we will be focusing on Insects as our inspiration, using a range of artistic mediums. Our artist focus will be Jennifer Angus and Louise Bourgeois, who both create weird and wonderful creations with bugs.





<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>In RE we will be learning about Islam, exploring concept of Tawhid, recognise sources of guidance for muslims, Salah and the Mosque, Ramadan, Eid, and Hajj, and how Islamic teaching influence daily life, as well as justice and equality.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE/Outdoor Learning</p> <p>In PE this term we will be learning a range of sports including gymnastics and tag rugby.</p> <p>Throughout this term, year 5 will also get the opportunity to go swimming. Ash class will be going in Spring 1 and Holly class in spring 2.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>This term in Jigsaw PSHE, we are focusing on dreams and goals. Children will discuss what their goals are and how to achieve them. They will also explore all the emotions that go alongside this.</p> <p>We will also be covering the Healthy Me unit. Children will explore things that are unique about them and how they fit into their community.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Spanish</p> <p>In Spanish, we will be learning about Clothes (La ropa). At the end of the unit, the children will have the knowledge and skills necessary to describe what they are wearing in Spanish</p> <p>We will also study a unit about The date (La fecha). Children will learn about the months of the year, days of the week and numbers from 1 to 31.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In music we will exploring Composing & Chords. We will be learning about chords in music and how they form the basis for accompaniment in music.</p> <p>We will also study different styles of music, exploring a variety of genres and 'textures'.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">DT</p> <p>In DT, we will be working on textiles, in order to design and sew their own stuffed toy.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
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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 5 to complete the following weekly:

<p style="text-align: center;">Reading</p> <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 or a free choice book for those who can decode.</p> <p>They are expected to read 5 times per week.</p> <p>A note of this should be put in their lovely new planners!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spelling Shed</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>In Year 5, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>Logins will be stuck in children's planners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Times Table Rockstars</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>In Year 5, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>Logins will be stuck in children's planners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://trockstars.com/</p>
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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)



PE Kit

Children must come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE day is:

Wednesday

In spring 1, Holly class will have PE and Ash class will have swimming.

In Spring 2, Ash class will have PE and Holly class will have swimming.

Our PE uniform is:

- Meadow Park black shorts
- Meadow Park emerald green T shirt
- Plimsolls, trainers or bare feet (for indoor PE)
- Trainers with good grip and support for outside sport (different to indoor trainers)
- Plain grey or black tracksuit bottoms and top (optional)
- Hairband to tie long hair back

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 at 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, Apple, 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 need to discuss a specific SEND concern, please speak to our SENDCo, **Mrs 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 5th January 2026 – Staff INSET day

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Children return to school

Thursday 8th January 2026 – Reception Open Morning

Thursday 15th January 2026 – Winter Safety Assembly

Wednesday 28th January 2026 – Breakfast Workshops for Year 5

Thursday 29th January 2026 – Breakfast Workshops for Year 5

Wednesday 4th February 2026 – Year 5 Fire Safety Session

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Online Safety Workshops

Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Parents Evening

Friday 13th February 2026 – Last Day of Half Term

HALF TERM – Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Children return to school

Tuesday 24th February 2026 – Year 2 to Oxford Ashmolean Museum

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day

Thursday 13th March 2026 – Year 3 to RHS Wisley

Wednesday 18th March 2026 – Year 4 to Hampton Court Palace

Thursday 19th March 2026 – International ‘Read to Me’ Day

Friday 20th March 2026 – Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March 2026 – Year 1 to Winsor Castle

Tuesday 24th March 2026 – Acorns to Brooklands Museum

Tuesday 24th March 2026 & Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Year 3 & 4 performances

Thursday 26th March 2026 – Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 26th March 2026 – Clubs end

Friday 27th March 2026 – End of Spring Term – Finish at 1:30pm

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