



Year 6

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break and the children return to school ready to learn. By now, the children in Year 6 are confident in the routines and expectations we uphold in school. They will be continuing to work hard to learn new skills and recap old skills in preparation for the SATs in May.

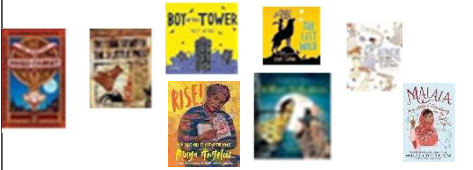


As the days grow longer and brighter, our pupils will be diving into engaging topics across the curriculum, preparing for upcoming assessments, and continuing to develop the independence and resilience that will carry them into secondary school.

Both teachers in Year 6 welcome an open-door policy and are happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns.


Many thanks for all your support,

Mrs White and Mr Gater

Curriculum Information

English	Maths	Science
<p>This term in English, we will be studying a range of wonderful texts around the themes of poetry and equality. Texts in Spring 1 will be The Invention of Hugo Cabret & Malala. In Spring 2 we will look at Caged Bird, Poetry for Kids, The Last Wild, The Boy in the Tower & Suffragette: the battle for equality.</p> 	<p>In Maths, we will build our skills across a range of topics, learning how to convert units of measure, apply ratios, and use algebra to solve problems. We will deepen our understanding of fractions, decimals, and percentages, applying them to real-life situations, while also calculating area, perimeter, and volume to explore the properties of shapes. Alongside this, we will interpret and present data through statistics.</p>	<p>In science, Year 6 will explore the human circulatory system, learning about the heart, blood vessels, and blood. They will investigate how diet, exercise, drugs, and lifestyle affect the body, and discover how nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.</p> <p>We will then be exploring how scientists classify life into kingdoms, learn about the Linnean system, and carry out hand son investigations with mould and mushroom spores.</p>
<p>Geography</p> <p>In geography, Year 6 will revisit their earlier learning on biomes with a focus on the Amazon Rainforest. Pupils will discover how South America’s vast size and unique position make it one of the most diverse continents. In Spring 2, ‘My Place’ concludes the Geography curriculum by giving pupils a chance to demonstrate what they’ve learned. They apply their geographical knowledge to a place that matters to them, expressing their own perspectives.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>During computing, children will learn to define and use variables, apply them to improve a game, design and create their own project, and then evaluate it. Children will also program a controllable device using selection, variables, and conditional statements, then design and develop a project with inputs and outputs.</p> 	<p>Art</p> <p>In Art, Year 6 will explore South American art through creative projects like clay monkeys, dream catchers, collages, and traditional drums. They’ll also study the work of artists including Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Beatriz Milhazes, gaining inspiration and developing their artistic skills.</p> 




<p>RE</p> <p>In RE, we will be learning about Sikhism and Buddhism. We will see how Sikhs respect the Guru Granth Sahib Ji in the Gurdwara, share food in the Langar, and celebrate special events like Amrit and marriage, as well as learn about the Golden Temple. Alongside this, we will also follow the story of Siddhartha Gotama in Buddhism, understand the Three Marks of Existence, the Four Noble Truths, the Noble Eightfold Path, and the Five Precepts. Through these lessons, we will think about respect, kindness, equality, and mindfulness.</p>	<p>PE/Outdoor Learning</p> <p>In PE this term we will be learning a range of sports including basketball, athletics and gymnastics.</p>  <p>Year 6 will do Outdoor Learning in Summer 2.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>This term in Jigsaw PSHE, we are focusing on Dreams and Goals. Children will learn about being motivated and resilient.</p> <p>We will also be learning about Healthy Me. Children will explore how to be healthy in what they eat, how much they move and about how to look after their mental health when dealing with difficult situations.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In music, we will be introducing the creative use of chords in composition, helping them to make their music more harmonically interesting. Alongside technical skills, the children will explore how musical styles from around the world bring people together, highlighting music as a universal language of connection</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DT</p> <p>In DT, Year 6 will take on an exciting design challenge: creating their own monitoring device for a chosen purpose. Pupils will learn how technology can be used to collect and respond to data, exploring inputs and outputs in real-world contexts. They will design their device, build it and test how well it works.</p>
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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 6 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, one of these should be to an adult.</p> <p>All reading should be recorded in the planner with the date.</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. In Year 6, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.</p> <p>Logins will be stuck in children’s planners. 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 6, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.</p>  <p>Logins will be stuck in children’s planners. https://trockstars.com/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CGP SAT Buster 10-Minute Tests</p> <p>From the first week in January, we will be assigning all children the following books.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling. • KS2 Maths. • KS2 English Reading. <p>Each week they will be assigned one from each book to complete on top of their other homework. This needs to be returned on the following Monday to be checked alongside other homework. The tests are ideally meant to take 10 minutes so please encourage your child to try to stick to these timings to allow them to prepare to pace themselves in the SATs. This also means it only adds 30 minutes to their homework a week.</p> <p>Please ensure your child only does the one assigned that week and no extra.</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:

Tuesday

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 – **Miss Geary**

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