

**Year 2**

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are feeling well-rested and ready for the last term of Year 2. We have lots of exciting learning planned.

This term, we are really excited to visit Winchester Science Museum! We will also be learning about African Art, pictograms and how to talk about superheroes in Spanish!

Many thanks for your support  
**Mrs Pack**

**Curriculum Information**

**English**

This term in English, we will be exploring the texts ‘*Ocean meets sky*’ and ‘*The Dragon Machine*’. We will be focusing on setting and character descriptions, as well as compiling everything we have learnt in year 2 so far by writing some fantasy narrative!



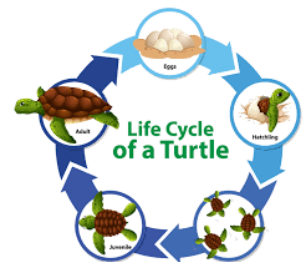
**Maths**

In maths this term we will begin by learning about time, focusing on o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We will then revisit calculation and have some revision sessions on the four operations.



**Science**

In science we will begin the term by learning about animal and their life cycles. We will be considering how different animals have offspring and turn into adults. Following this we will be learning about how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.



**History/Geography**

This term in geography, we will be learning about where we live and how it fits in with the rest of the world.

In history we will be starting an exciting new unit about rebels in history, learning all about people who bucked the trend and fought for what was right!



**Computing**

This term we will be using computers to make music! We will listen to a variety of pieces of music and consider how music can make us think and feel. We will compare creating music digitally and non-digitally and will look at patterns and purposefully create music.





**DT**

In Design Technology, we will be focusing on textiles and making cushions. We will be learning how to sew a simple cushion with a cross stitch or applique design.






<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>This term, we will be learning about Hindu stories, including Diwali and Holi.</p> <p>We will also be learning about Humanism and the values that are woven through.</p>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>In PE this term, we will be learning inside and outside. We will be focusing on athletics to prepare us for sports day later in the term!</p> 	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>In PSHE this term, we will explore relationships- including family, friends and adults at school. We will learn how to be respectful and what makes an appropriate relationship.</p> 
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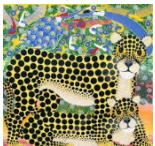
**Music**

In Music we follow the Charanga programme. This term, we will have fun learning to improvise with songs.



**Art**

This term, we will be learning about African Art from a range of countries. We will be considering how we can use a range of media to replicate this artwork.



**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:

**Reading**

The children will be sent home with a reading book matching their phonological knowledge so they can continue to practice their learning at home.


They are expected to read 5 times per week.



A note of this should be put in their reading record book.

**Spelling Shed**

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.



Logins have already been sent out, but please speak to your class teacher if you need another copy.

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>


**Times Table Rockstars**

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!

<https://trockstars.com/>

Children have logins to Numbots stuck into their reading record. This is great for practicing maths fluency online. If you need another copy, please speak to Mrs Pack or Miss McCabe.

<https://numbots.com/>



**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 may 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 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 – **Ms 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 Solutions.



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**

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Children return to school & clubs begin**
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 – Y3 @ Baylab
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 – Earth Day
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 – Y3 @ Baylab, Y2 Winchester Science Museum
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Y3 extended day at Ufton Court
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Y5 Sulham Estate
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – No clubs**
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Bank Holiday – School closed**
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Polling Day – School closed to R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5**
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Y6 SATs week
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Chestnut to Newbury Canal and River Trust
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Elm to Newbury Canal and River Trust
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 – Clubs end & May half term holiday (3:15 finish)
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – May half term – school closed**
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Back to school and clubs begin
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Y4 multiplication check
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 – Y6 to Reading Museum
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Class photos
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Year 4 – Englefield Estate
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Y1 phonics screening check
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Y6 to Milestones Museum
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Year 1 trip to Beale Park
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Acorns to Oceanarium & Bournemouth Beach
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Sports Week
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Reports home
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Sports Day
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Clubs end
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Transition Day
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Y5 & Y6 leavers production
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Y6 Leavers Assembly – 9am
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – End of term – 1:30pm finish**
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 – Children return for 2026/27**

Packed Lunches

# Lunchbox Builder for Kids

\*PICK ONE ITEM FROM EACH CATEGORY\*

\*MIX & MATCH EACH DAY!\*

## Starchy Carbohydrate



## Protein



## Vegetables



## Fruit



## Dairy or fortified alternative

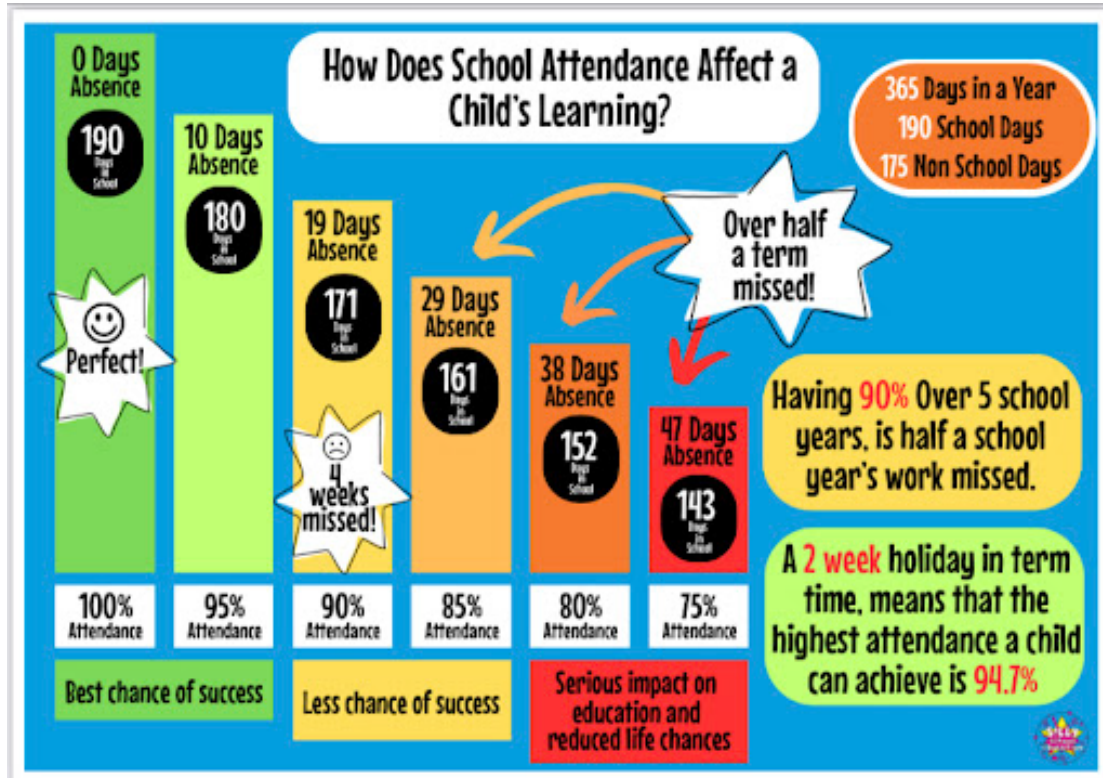


## Don't forget a drink!



Laura  
Matthews  
Nutrition

Attendance



Authorised Absence	Explanation	Unauthorised Absence	Explanation
Illness	When a child is too unwell to attend and parents inform the school.	Family holidays during term time	Term-time holidays are not permitted unless exceptional circumstances are approved.
Medical or dental appointments	When appointments cannot be arranged outside school hours and medical proof has been provided and accepted by the school.	Late arrival without valid reason	Arriving after registration closes without explanation.
Religious observance	Days set aside by the family's religious community.	Keeping child off for birthdays or special outings	These are not considered valid reasons for absence.
Approved exceptional circumstances	E.g., a close family funeral.	Parent or carer illness (non-emergency)	Unless the situation places the child at risk if they attend.
Participation in approved educational activities	e.g., school visits, exams, sporting events.	Unexplained absence	No reason provided or the school does not accept the reason.
Traveller family commitments (in certain contexts)	When absence fits within recognised travelling patterns.	Overleeping or poor morning routine	Not considered a legitimate reason for missing school.
Authorised part-time timetable (temporary)	When agreed with SEND or medical teams.	Avoiding school due to minor complaints	Mild cold, tiredness, or refusing to come in without valid cause.



Term Dates 2026/27



## Terms & Holidays – 2026/2027

<b>Autumn – Term 1</b>	
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</i>
Start of Term – Children in School	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026
Last day of Term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
Term Break - Holiday	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
<b>Autumn – Term 2</b>	
Start of Term – Children in School	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026
Last day of Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
Term Break - Holiday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2027
<b>Spring – Term 3</b>	
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027</i>
Start of Term – Children in School	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
Last day of Term	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Term Break – Holiday	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
<b>Spring – Term 4</b>	
Start of Term – Children in School	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027
Last day of Term	Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Term Break – Holiday	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
<b>Summer – Term 5</b>	
Start of Term – Children in School	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
Last day of Term	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
<i>Early May Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027</i>
Term Break – Holiday	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
<b>Summer – Term 6</b>	
Start of Term – Children in School	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
Last day of Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2027
Term Break – Holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> week September TBC



**Free School Meals Application**

Free School Meals are available to support families and ensure every child has access to a healthy, nutritious meal during the school day. If your child is eligible, they will receive a free meal at lunchtime, and the school will also receive additional funding to support their learning. Families may qualify if they receive certain benefits, and applying is quick and confidential. Even if your child prefers packed lunches, applying still helps the school. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they are entitled to 1 free club space per term. Children are eligible automatically in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Please contact the school office if you require a paper form.



**APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Please complete this form only if you are eligible under the categories listed overleaf and your child attends a Reading school.

**PART A**

Please provide the following information (PRINT)

Full Name of Claimant: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)									
Address:									
Postcode:					Telephone:				
National Insurance Number:					Date of Birth: / /				
NASS Reference Number:									

Children for whom you are claiming:

Surname	Other Names	M/F	Date of Birth	School Attending	Relationship to Child
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**Declaration by Claimant**

I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement.	
Signature:	Date:

**DATA SECURITY**

Personal data provided on this form may be held on a computer and is therefore subject to the Data Protection Act 1998. It will only be used for the intended purpose i.e. to determine eligibility for FSM.

Once you have completed the form please return it to YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL as soon as possible. Free school meals cannot be provided until the school has received the form and verified your eligibility.