

**Year 3**

We hope that you have had a great Easter break and are ready for the final part of Year 3. We have lots of exciting things planned to capture their interest and imagination!

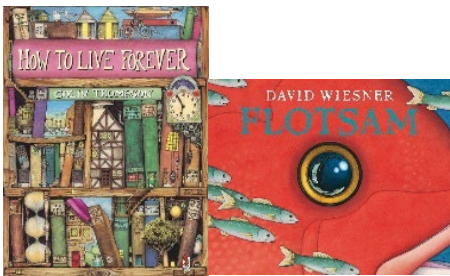
This term, we will be learning about Ancient Rome, Botanical Art and Branching Databases. We will also be learning about different stereotypes and what is considered fair or unfair. Most excitingly, we will be visiting Ufton Court for our extended Romans Day. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Many thanks for your support  
**Ms Smith & Ms McHugh**

**Curriculum Information**

**English**

This term in English, we will be learning about prequel writing through the text, 'How to Live Forever'. We will then be learning about sequel writing using the text 'Flotsam'.



**Maths**

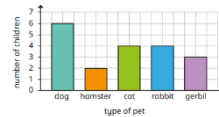
In Maths this term, we are going to be exploring money, time, shape and statistics. This will cover £ and p, telling the time to 5 minutes and 1 minute and pictograms and bar graphs.

How much money is there in the jar?  
There is £ \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ p.



Complete the sentences.

There are \_\_\_\_ minutes in one hour.  
There are \_\_\_\_ minutes in half an hour.  
There are \_\_\_\_ minutes in quarter of an hour.



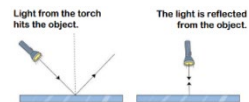
Fruit	Number of children	Key
apple	●●●●●●●●	● = 1 child
pear	●●●●●●	
orange	●●●●	
banana	●●●●●●●●	

**Science**

In Science, we will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth including how they vary from plant to plant.



In the final term, we will be learning about light and exploring shadows, reflectiveness, and different light sources. We will conduct different experiments to support our learning and understanding.



**History/Geography**

In Summer 1, we will learn about Ancient Rome including key figures such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca.

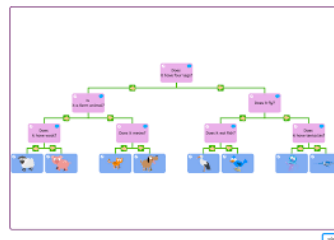


In the final term, we will be learning about Venice as a region, comparing the climate, landscape and food production to ours in the UK.



**Computing**

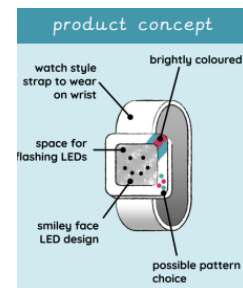
In Summer 1, we will be learning how to arrange objects into a tree structure; how to select an attribute to create groups and prove a branching database works.





In Summer 2, we will be looking at events and actions within programs. They will explore moving a computer sprite in different directions, before exploring its movement within the context of a maze.


**DT**

In DT, we will be looking at wearable technology. We will learn what wearable technology is, and how it used. We will then design our own during our lessons!








<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RE</b></p> <p>This term in RE, we are learning about Islam and considering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who is the Prophet Muhammad?</li> <li>- Why is he important to Muslims?</li> <li>- What is the Qur'an?</li> <li>- How important is the mosque for Muslims and their community?</li> </ul> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE</b></p> <p>In PE this term, we will be covering a range of different sports, including gymnastics, football, athletics, and cricket.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>We will be learning about why stereotypes can be unfair, careers, families and values. We will also be exploring how to negotiate conflict and online friendships.</p> <p>In the final half term, we will be focusing on babies and their development and puberty (body changes).</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art</b></p> <p>In Summer, we will be using pencil, colour Hapa Zome printing, sculpture and paper modelling to explore the work of India Flint, Alexander Calder, David Oliveira &amp; Henri Rousseau.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p> <p>This term in music, we will be exploring the structure of songs and how these patterns are interesting and important. We will also create and present a performance with an understanding of the songs being played and where they fit in the world.</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 3 to complete the following weekly:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reading</b></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.</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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Spelling Shed</b></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 style="text-align: center;"><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>Logins have already been sent out, but please speak to your class teacher if you need another copy.</p> <p><a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></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 may come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE days are:

Thursday

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

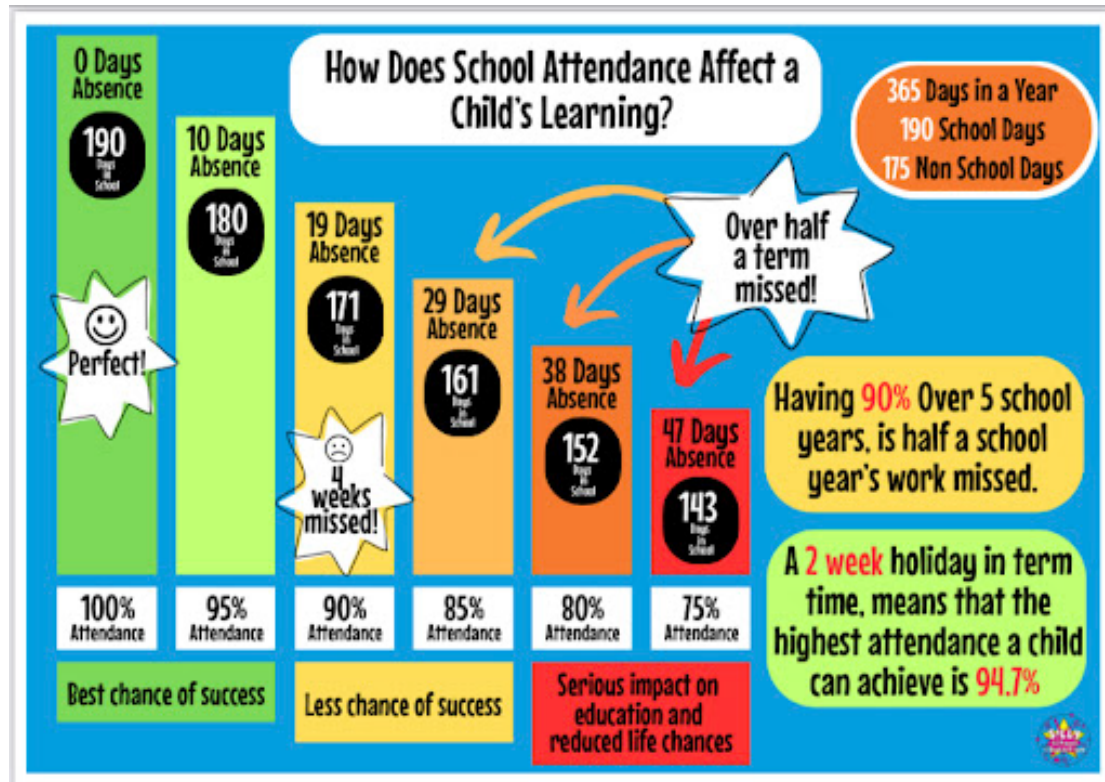


## Don't forget a drink!



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.	Oversleeping or poor morning routine	Not considered a legitimate reason for missing school.
Authorised part-time	When agreed with SEND or medical teams.	Avoiding school due to	Mild cold, tiredness, or refusing



timetable (temporary)

minor complaints

to come in without valid cause.

Term Dates 2026/27



## Terms & Holidays – 2026/2027

<b>Autumn – Term 1</b>	
<b>Staff Development Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</b>
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 2026
<b>Spring – Term 3</b>	
<b>Staff Development Day</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>
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
<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027</b>
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



Meadow Park Academy  
Termly Newsletter  
Year 3 – Summer Term



### **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.