

Year 1

Welcome back to Meadow Park Academy!

We are so excited to have you with us in Year 1 and are ready and raring to go with lots of exciting learning! Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle and names in all jumpers and coats. Thank you in advance!

We are excited to be having our workshop on Tuesday 6th October 2026, all about oceans and continents. We would also like to encourage you to come to our Curriculum Afternoon on Monday 14th September 2026 after school to learn more about what we will be learning and the expectations for Year 1.

If you have any questions, please speak to us at the end of the day, or contact the school office to make an appointment.

Many thanks for your support
Mr Walsh

Curriculum Information

English

In English we will be exploring the texts *Cave Baby* and *Astro Girl*.



We will be using our sounds to decode the words we want to write to create our own version of the story and create a fact file too!

Maths

In maths, we begin to explore number and place value.

We will talk about the value of numbers, different ways that numbers can be made and whether numbers are greater or smaller than each other.



Science

In science we will be learning about the changes that happen in different seasons and how that impacts our lives, such as clothing we wear or activities we take part in.



Geography/History

In geography, we will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world.

In history, we will be learning about toys from the past and how they compare to toys from today.



Computing

In computing, we will be learning about different types of devices we have in school and at home. We will explore the parts that they have and what they do.



Art/DT

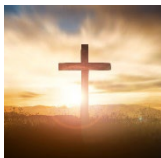
In art, we will be exploring colour and colour mixture. We will also be exploring the effect of using different size/shape paintbrushes.

In DT, we will be learning about and creating puppets.



RE

This term, we will be answering the key question: What do Christians believe about God?



PE/Outdoor Learning

We will be learning Games and Dance. We will be exploring different ways we can move our bodies and learning key ball skills used in many sports.

Our PE day is on Thursday.

Outdoor Learning will happen in Spring 2



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning all about ourselves and how we fit into the school community. We will think about the choices we make and how they affect others.





Music

In Music we follow the Charanga programme. We will be learning about rhythm and keeping a steady beat. We will listen to songs, learn them and perform them to another group of children!

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 1 to complete the following weekly:

- 10 minutes on Numbots
- Daily reading of phonics books and practice key sounds (recorded in planner)
- Weekly practice of Year 1 common exception word spellings (recorded in planner)
- Daily story time, with an adult reading (a nice, cosy bedtime book!)

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.

The Year 1 Phonics screening check will take place in the Summer Term. **There will be a meeting for all Y1 parents on Monday 21st September 2026, regarding the screening check.**

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 will be sent out in the student planners, 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/>

Numbots is a great resource for practicing key number facts and consolidating learning about number.

All logins for this are stuck into the student planner. Please ask for another copy should you need to.



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:

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.

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

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – School closed for all children (staff INSET)
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – School open for all children – welcome back!
 Friday 4th September 2026 – Coffee morning for all parents at 9am
 Monday 7th September 2026 – Clubs begin (booking on MCAS app)
 Monday 14th September 2026 – Curriculum afternoon in classrooms 3:30pm – 4:00pm
 Tuesday 15th September 2026 – Individual Photos
 Thursday 17th September 2026 – Flu Immunisations
 Monday 21st September 2026 – EYFS & Y1 phonics information evening for parents – 3:30pm
 Monday 21st September 2026 – Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – Y6 residential
 Monday 28th September 2026 – Multiplication Check Meeting for Y4 parents – 3:30pm
 Thursday 1st October 2026 – Non uniform day for Harvest Festival
 Friday 2nd October 2026 – Harvest Festival performances (times TBC)
 Tuesday 6th October 2026 – Divergent Drama Workshops for Y1 & Y2
 Wednesday 14th October 2026 – Ancient Egyptian Escape Room for Y4
 Thursday 15th October 2026 – Butser Ancient Farm for Y3
 Friday 16th October 2026 – Wear Red against Racism
 Friday 16th October 2026 – Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 19th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026 – Half Term (2 weeks)
 Monday 2nd November 2026 – School open for all children – welcome back!
 Friday 6th November 2026 – Turn Tilehurst Red
 Wednesday 11th November 2026 – Remembrance Day
 Thursday 12th November 2026 – Paddington the Musical for Y5
 Friday 20th November 2026 – Children in Need
 Friday 27th November 2026 – Non uniform day for Christmas Fair (details TBC)
 Friday 4th December 2026 – Christmas Fair (3:30pm – 6pm)
 Wednesday 9th December 2026 – Watermill Theatre for Y5 & Y6
 Thursday 10th December 2026 – Aladdin at The Hexagon for Y3 & Y4
 Friday 11th December 2026 – EYFS Xmas Performance (times TBC)
 Monday 14th December 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026 – no clubs
 Tuesday 15th December 2026 – Aladdin at The Hexagon for R, Y1 & Y2
 Friday 18th December 2026 – Last day of term (finish at 1:30pm)
 Tuesday 5th January 2026 – School open for all children – welcome back!

All the above dates can be found in your calendar section on the MCAS app. This will also show your child's PE day. Any changes in dates will be sent via the MCAS app.