



Year 2

Welcome back to Meadow Park Academy and welcome to Year 2!

We are so excited to welcome you all back to school for an exciting year of learning and fun!

This term, we are excited to have our Great Fire of London workshop. We will be working hard now we are in Year 2 to ensure we have secured all the basics in English and maths and are able to develop our own strategies and style.

We would also like to encourage you to come to our Curriculum Afternoon on Monday 15th September after school to learn more about what we will be learning and the expectations for Year 2.

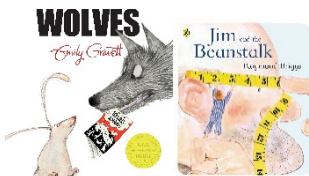
There is an open-door policy in Maple and Willow and we are happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns.

Many thanks for your support
Mrs White and Mrs Hinton

Curriculum Information

English

This term in English, we will be exploring the texts 'Wolves' and 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. We will be using these texts to create non-chronological reports and stories. We will use our sounds and our phonetic knowledge to break down the words into smaller chunks.



We will then use the texts 'The journey home' and 'Dear Earth' to look at creation and conservation.

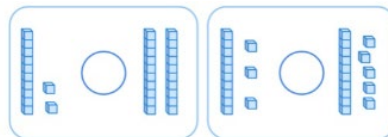
We will learn how to write a persuasive letter, information booklets, speeches, and instructions.



Maths

In maths this term we will be continuing to learn about number and place value.

We will be learning to partition 2 digit numbers into different tens and ones; learning how to order larger numbers; and how to compare numbers to each other.



We will later begin our learning of addition and subtraction. Using dienes and number lines practically then drawing as a strategy to solve calculation. We will use number bonds, fact families and number facts to support our quick recall.

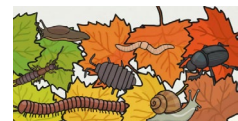
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Science

In science we will be learning about materials and their properties, thinking about how they can change their shape by twisting, bending, squashing or stretching.



We will later look at living things and their habitats. We will explore micro habitats, food chains and habitats around the world.





History/Geography

This term in history, we will be learning about the events of the Great Fire of London and will understand the circumstances which allowed it to spread so quickly.



In geography, we will be learning to name and locate the seven continents and five oceans. We will identify seasonal weather patterns in the UK and look at the difference between human and physical geography.

Computing

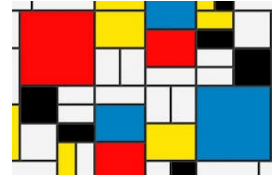
This term we will be learning about technology around us and how to identify information technology beyond the school. We will talk extensively about how to stay safe online and how to use technology safely.



DT/Art

In DT, we will be learning how to create a strong and stable structure to create a baby bear's chair!

In art, we will be learning all about colour and using colour to create artwork in the style of significant artists.



RE

This term, in RE, we will be exploring the questions

How and where do Christians worship and celebrate?

How do Christians show that they belong to the church?

PE

In PE this term, we will be learning key skills for ball games and learning how to use our bodies to create dance moves and move in time with the music.



PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be learning about ourselves and our feelings. We will be talking about the rights and responsibilities of myself and my friends.



Music

In Music we follow the Charanga programme. This term, we will learn what "timbre" means (the special sound that makes each instrument unique) and practice recognising different percussion instruments just by listening to them. We will also create and perform simple musical conversations using percussion instruments, where one pattern acts as a "question" and another pattern responds as the "answer".



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:

- 10 minutes on Numbots
- Daily reading of phonics books and practice key sounds (recorded in reading record)
- 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.	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 a member of the Y2 team.  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 This half term, we have outdoor learning. Maple – Wednesday Willow – Thursday Please make sure the children are dressed in suitable clothing for the outdoors. In Autumn 2, we will have PE. Children may come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE day will be confirmed at the end of Autumn 1. 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 playtimes.



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.