



Year 3

We have been so excited to welcome the children into Year 3. Thank you for sending them in looking so smart! We are really looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of exciting things coming up. We are really looking forward to our trip to Butser Ancient Farm in relation to our History topic on Stone Age, Iron Age, Bronze Age.

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 3.

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

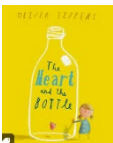
Many thanks for your support

Ms Whittington

Curriculum Information

English

This term in English, we will be studying a range of wonderful texts around the themes of Magic and Wonder & Dreams and curiosity. The texts in Autumn 1 will be *The Heart in the Bottle*; *The First Drawing*; *The White Fox* and *The Wizard*. In Autumn 2 we will look at *The Tear Thief*, *Polar Express*, *Arthur and the golden rope* and Poems new and collected.



Maths

In Maths, this term, we are going to be focusing on place value, addition, subtraction and some multiplication and division. Learning the 2, 5 and 10 times



tables are a priority!

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Science

In science, we will be learning about different types of scientific enquiry.

We will be making careful observations and taking accurate measurements with a range of equipment.



History/Geography

In History in Autumn, we will be spending the whole term studying the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be looking at each period and linking it to other areas of the curriculum. We will be focusing on daily lives and tools. We will also be going on our first trip to Butser Ancient Farm in October.



Computing

In Autumn 1 we will be looking at connecting devices. We will focus on input and output while being able to model a simple process. They will compare using digital devices and non-digital devices and understand the term 'network switch'.

In Autumn 2, we will learn how to change font style, size and colours for a given purpose as well as other Word functions.



Art & DT

In Autumn 1, we will be doing prehistoric art with a focus on cave painting. We will be doing printing, rubbing and charcoal.

In Autumn 2, we will be doing DT with a Cooking & Nutrition focus. Children will use an existing biscuit recipe to adapt and design their own biscuit before making it.





RE This term in RE, we are exploring the topic of Christianity and Jesus. We will be answering the questions: • What are the Christian views about who Jesus was? • How did Jesus teach his followers to show friendship? 	PE/Outdoor Learning In PE this term, we will be covering a range of different sports, including dance, netball and hockey.  Our outdoor learning sessions will take place in Spring 2.	PSHE This term in Jigsaw PSHE, we are focusing on Being Me in my World, Children will explore things that are unique about them and how they fit into their community. We will also be Celebrating Difference. Children will explore things that are similar and things that are different between them and other people. They will respect and celebrate those differences.
Spanish This term in Spanish, we will learn how to introduce ourselves, say how we feel and have a wider appreciation for the country/countries where Spanish is spoken. We will also learn 10 familiar animals and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb ‘I am’ in Spanish.	Music This term in Music, we will be looking at music notation and learn that long and short (rhythm) and high and low (pitch) sounds can be represented by musical symbols. We will also be playing in a class band! We will learn to read notation of instrumental parts when playing as part of a group.	
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:		
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 or a free choice book for those who can decode. They are expected to read 5 times per week. A note of this should be put in their lovely new planners!	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. In Year 3, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.  Logins will be stuck in children’s planners. 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! In Year 3, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.  Logins will be stuck in children’s planners. https://trockstars.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 must 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 at 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!



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	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.
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