



Year 4

We have absolutely loved welcoming the children into Year 4, they have arrived looking smart and ready for the year ahead. Thank you for helping them make such a positive start. We are excited for all that this year will bring and have lots of wonderful learning opportunities planned.

Our first history topic will take us deep into the world of the Ancient Egyptians, and the children will even take part in an immersive escape-room experience right here at school. Throughout the year, we will also be placing a strong emphasis on times tables, as the national multiplication check takes place in June.

We would like to warmly invite you to our Curriculum Afternoon on Monday 15th September 2026, straight after school. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about what we will be learning this year and the expectations for Year 4.

All Year 4 teachers operate an open-door policy and are always happy to answer questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Swift, Mrs Drysdale & Mrs Voisey

Curriculum Information

English

This term in English, we will be exploring a rich selection of texts linked to the themes of Finding Freedom and Invention and Innovation.

In Autumn 1, we will study Jabberwocky, Fyrndleswylde, Dear Earth and Annie Lumsden, Girl from the Sea. These texts will allow us to explore imaginative language, environmental themes and character perspectives.

In Autumn 2, our focus will move to Farther, The Iron Man and The Wild Robot, which will support our work on narrative structure, descriptive writing and the relationship between humans, machines and nature.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be developing a strong foundation in place value, addition, subtraction, and introducing key concepts in multiplication and division. A major focus throughout Year 4 is rapid recall of times tables, and becoming confident and fluent with these facts will support every area of the children's mathematical learning.

In June 2026, the children will take the government Multiplication Tables Check. To prepare for this, we will continue practising times tables daily in school, and we encourage regular practice at home to help build speed and accuracy.



History/Geography

This term in History we are going to be exploring all things Ancient Egypt. This includes lifestyles of Ancient Egyptians; beliefs; infrastructure; crime and punishment and links to other ancient civilizations.

In Autumn 2, our Geography work will focus on earthquakes, volcanoes, and major mountain ranges around the



world.

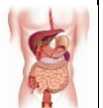
Computing

In Autumn 1, we will learn how information is shared across the internet and why networks need protecting.

In Autumn 2, we will explore how not all images are true and use appropriate tools to edit and retouch images.

Science

In Science this term, we will learn about the functions of body parts, the digestive system, different types of teeth, and simple food chains.



In Autumn 2, we will explore grouping living things, use classification keys, and study local wildlife and the environment.



RE In RE this term, we will be learning about Sikhism and exploring key questions such as: • What do Sikhs believe about God and where do these ideas come from? • How does the Gurdwara contribute to Sikh life and worship? • How do the teachings of the Gurus influence daily life for Sikhs? • What is the Guru Granth Sahib and why is it important?	PE/Outdoor Learning In our PE units will focus on tennis skills and dance. In tennis, the children will develop control and coordination through practising forehand and backhand strokes, as well as improving their ability to react to the ball and move into effective positions on the court. In dance, we will explore a Bollywood-inspired unit, learning how to use rhythm, expression and coordinated movement to create a lively and engaging group performance. Our outdoor learning sessions will take place in Spring 1.	PSHE This term in Jigsaw PSHE, we are focusing on Being Me in My World, where children will explore what makes them unique and how they contribute to their community. We will also be Celebrating Difference, learning about similarities and differences between people and how to respect and value them.
Art/DT In Autumn 1, we will be working on textiles in DT, designing and sewing our own book pouch with a fastening of the children's choice.  In Autumn 2 we will explore Ancient Egyptian art, focusing on recreating papyrus and writing our own hieroglyphics.	Music This term in Music, we will be working on a unit called Create and Notate. This unit introduces the children to improvisation, composition, notation and singing, all inspired by the rise of Electronic Dance Music in the late 1970s. Throughout the term, pupils will extend their improvisations, learn how to write simple musical notation, and develop essential compositional techniques.	Spanish This term in Spanish, we will learn vocabulary linked to key periods in British history. We will also learn ten familiar activities and how to say whether we can or cannot do them in Spanish. 
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 4 to complete the following weekly:		
Reading The children will be sent home with a reading book from the library 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 can select a second book to read for pleasure They are expected to read 5 times per week. A note of this should be put in their	Spelling 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 4, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week. Logins will be stuck in children's planners.  https://trockstars.com/



planners!

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:

Wednesday

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

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!



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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.



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.