

Year 5

We have been so excited to welcome the children into Year 5. 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 particularly looking forward to some of our trips and experiences including a visit to a West End show! We will be working hard now we are in Upper Key Stage Two 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 14th September after school to learn more about what we will be learning and the expectations for Year 5.

Both teachers in Year 5 welcome an open-door policy and are happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns.

Many thanks for all your support,

Ms Ashworth & Ms Hill

Curriculum Information

English

This term in English, we will be studying a range of wonderful texts around the themes of 'ambition & desire' and 'Power vs. principles'. The texts in Autumn 1 will be robot girl / hidden figures and the good thieves. In

Autumn 2 we will look at the tempest/the Odessey, and Cogheart.



Maths

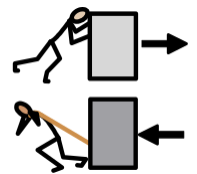
In Maths, this term, we are going to be focusing on place value, addition, subtraction and some multiplication and division.

We will be focusing on ensuring a range of strategies are available to us when answering these number questions.

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Science

In science we will be learning about forces looking at gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will also learn about mechanisms using levers, pulleys and gears.



We will then be moving onto properties of materials. We will focus on key terms and ideas such as hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity, and response to magnets, uses for materials, dissolving, filtering, sieving and evaporating.

Geography/History

In geography this term we will be learning about European Regions. We will be focusing on European countries, their culture and capital cities.



During history we will be focusing on the Kingdom of Benin, this will include learning about the craftspeople, key figures such as Odo and the enslavement of African people.

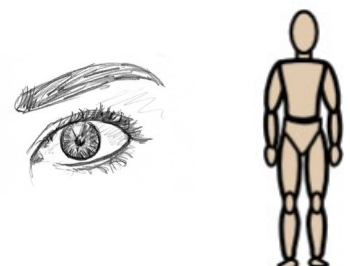
Computing

During computing, we will learn how computers are connected and how to identify human elements to a computer system. We will also learn to recognise that video can be both audio and visual, and identifying digital devices that record video. Additionally, We will handle devices safely and select the correct tools to edit video footage.



Art

In Art, we will be looking at how to draw humans including looking at key features of the face, physical form and realism vs surrealism.





RE In RE we will be learning about The Bible and Remembrance. In autumn 1, We will look at the story of the Bible as a whole, its history and translations, as well as how it is used at home and in church. In Autumn 2, children will delve into why people are remembered and how remembrance is celebrated in major religions. ॐ ॐ ॐ ☪ ☪ ☪	PE/Outdoor Learning In PE this term we will be learning a range of sports including hockey, dance and netball.  Our outdoor learning sessions will take place in Autumn 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. In Autumn 2, we will also be delving into 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 In Spanish, we will be learning vocabulary linked to the classroom and will present both orally and in written form about what we have and do not have in our pencil cases and/or school bag in Spanish. Then in Autumn 2, we will also study a unit on pets and animals with a focus on conjunctions in grammar. 	Music In music we will exploring melodies, harmonies and different styles of music. We will learn about tempo and study it in different songs. 	DT In DT, we will be building our own model mechanical systems (bridges) to go over the River Thames. 

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 5 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 5, 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 5, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.  Logins will be stuck in children's planners. https://trockstars.com/
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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 must come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE day is:

Tuesday

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!

All the above dates can be found in your calendar section on the MCAS app. This will