

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 really excited to be having our workshop on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, all about oceans and continents. We would also like to encourage you to come to our Curriculum Afternoon on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 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  
**Miss Johnson & Miss McCabe**

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

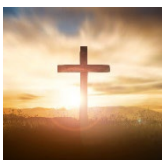
In art, we will be exploring colour and colour mixture. We will also be exploring the effect of using different size/shape paintbrushes.

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

In PE, we will be taking part in Outdoor Learning for Autumn 1.

*Cherry – Thursday*

*Apple – Friday*



**Please send your child with appropriate clothing for outdoor activities, including waterproof clothing, wellington boots and gloves/hats/scarves should it get cold. Please make sure all items are labelled.**

In Autumn 2 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.

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 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.

The Year 1 Phonics screening check will take place in the Summer Term. **There will be a meeting for all Y1 parents on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, 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 an 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:

#### **To be informed of after half term**

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.

If you are still unsatisfied, please arrange a meeting with the phase leader.

Acorns, Cherry, Willow, Maple – **Ms Parsons**  
Beech, Sycamore, Elm, Chestnut, Ash, Holly, Hazel, Oak – **Ms Geary**

If after that meeting, you continue to be unhappy with the resolution, please contact the school office to make an appointment with **Ms Holehouse, Ms Voisey or Ms Drysdale.**

If you require specific support regarding a child with SEN, please arrange a meeting with **Ms Mughal.**

### 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

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Curriculum Afternoon (3:30 – 4 or 4 – 4:30 in classrooms)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Individual School Photos
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – Acorns Phonics Information Evening – 3:30 – 4
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – Cherry & Apple Phonics Information Evening – 3:30 – 4
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – Elm & Chestnut Multiplication Check Information Evening – 3:30 – 4
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Hazel & Oak SATs Information Evening – 3:30 – 4
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – Y1 & Y2 Workshops
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 – Non-uniform day (for Harvest)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 – Harvest Festivals
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Flu Immunisation Day
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evenings (3:30 – 6)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Beech & Sycamore to Butser Farm
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Hazel & Oak to Ufton Court
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 – Elm & Chestnut – Egyptian Escape Room

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term**

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – Back to School!
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Holly & Ash to The Lion King
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 – Children in Need
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 – JMF Performance
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Non-uniform day
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Christmas Fair (3:30 – 5:30)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Ash, Holly, Hazel and Oak to Christmas Carol
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Beech, Sycamore, Elm & Chestnut to Christmas Carol
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Acorns Christmas Performance
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Ash, Holly, Hazel & Oak – Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Beech, Sycamore, Elm & Chestnut – Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Acorns, Cherry, Apple & Maple to Hexagon for the Panto!
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Cherry, Apple & Maple – Christmas Performance

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – End of term (1:30 finish)**

#### **Return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8:30**