



## 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 5.

There is an open-door policy in Maple and I am happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns.

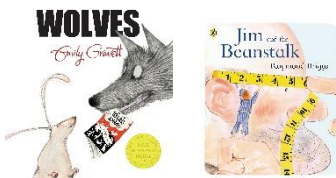
Many thanks for your support

**Mrs Pack**

### Curriculum Information

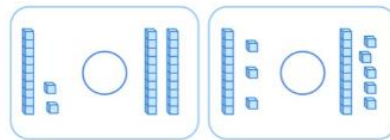
#### English

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.



#### 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.



#### 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.



#### 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

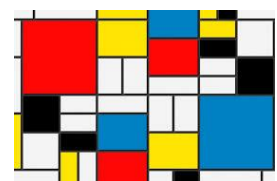
This term we will be learning about technology around us and how to identify information technology beyond the school. We will talk extensively about how to stay safe online and how to use technology safely.



#### DT/Art

In DT, we will be learning how create a strong and stable structure to create 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 question: **How and where do Christians worship and celebrate?**

**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.



Our Outdoor Learning sessions will take place in Summer 1.

**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 have fun learning about rhythm, pulse and beat.



**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 Mrs Pack or Miss McCabe.

<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**

Children may come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE day is:

**Monday**

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**



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