

**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 15<sup>th</sup> September after school to learn more about what we will be learning and the expectations for Year 3.

Both teachers in Year 3 welcome an open-door policy and are happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns.

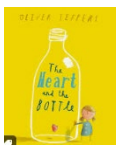
Many thanks for your support

**Mrs McHugh & Mrs Smith**

**Curriculum Information**

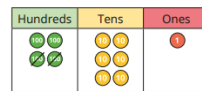
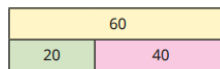
**English**

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!



**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.







<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RE</b></p> <p>This term in RE, we are exploring the topic of Christianity and Jesus. We will be answering the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the Christian views about who Jesus was?</li> <li>• How did Jesus teach his followers to show friendship?</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE/Outdoor Learning</b></p> <p>In PE this term, we will be covering a range of different sports, including dance, netball and hockey.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 3 will do Outdoor Learning in Spring 2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>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.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spanish</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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**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:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reading</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>They are expected to read 5 times per week.</p> <p>A note of this should be put in their lovely new planners!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spelling Shed</b></p> <p>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.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Logins will be stuck in children's planners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/">https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Times Table Rockstars</b></p> <p>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!</p> <p>In Year 3, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Logins will be stuck in children's planners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></p>
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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.

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

Acorns, Cherry, Apple, Maple – **Mrs Pack**  
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 need to discuss a specific SEND concern, please speak to our SENDCo, **Mrs 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



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- 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**