



Year 4

We have been so excited to welcome the children into Year 4. 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 history topic on the Ancient Egyptians and the escape room that is coming to school! We will also be focusing greatly on our times tables in Year 4 as we have our national test in June.

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 4.

Both teachers in Year 4 welcome an open-door policy and are happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Hinton and Mrs Swift

Curriculum Information

English

This term in English, we will be studying a range of wonderful texts around the themes of Finding Freedom & Invention and Innovation. The texts in Autumn 1 will be Jaberwocky, Fryndleswylde, Dear Earth and Annie Lumsden Girl from the Sea. In Autumn 2 we will look at Farther, Iron Man and Wild Robot.



Maths

In Maths, this term, we are going to be focusing on place value, addition, subtraction and some multiplication and division. Learning our times tables are a priority!

In June 2026, your children will sit the government Multiplication Tables Check. In preparation for this we will continue to focus on learning our tables on a daily basis.



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 civilisations.

In Autumn 2, our Geography topic will be about where earthquakes occur, where volcanoes are present, important mountain ranges.



RE

In RE we will be learning about Sikhism and answering the questions:
What do Sikhs believe about God and where do these ideas come from?
How does the Gurdwara contribute to Sikh life and worship?
How does the teaching of the Gurus influence the daily lives of Sikhs?

Computing

In Autumn 1 we will be looking at how information is shared across the internet and why a network needs protecting.

In Autumn 2, we will learn how to identify that not all images are true; explore appropriate tools to retouch an image.

PE/Outdoor Learning

In PE for Autumn 1, we will be doing a dance unit and a tennis unit.

In Autumn 2, our PE provision will be Outdoor Learning. (w/c 6th Nov – w/c 18th Dec) This will be on Thursday afternoon for Chestnut and Friday for Elm. Children must come to school in

Science

In science, we will be learning about the function of body parts, focus on digestive system; identify types of teeth and look at food chains.



In Autumn 2, we will be grouping living things; classification keys, local wildlife and the environment.



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. 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>What is the Guru Granth Sahib and why is it important to Sikhs?</p>	<p>their forest school clothes.</p>	
<p>Art/DT</p> <p>In Autumn 1, we will be doing textiles in DT, We will be designing and sewing our own book pouch with a fastening of our choice.</p> <p>In Autumn 2, we will be doing Ancient Egyptian art with a focus on recreating papyrus and hieroglyphics.</p> 	<p>Music</p> <p>In music we will learn all about musical sections that repeat or change the structure of the music. We will look for patterns in the sections of music and songs within the unit. We will also be learning about how the music we hear highlights the words that we are singing.</p>	<p>Spanish</p> <p>This term in Spanish, we will learn vocabulary linked to key historical periods in British history. We will also learn 10 familiar activities that they know how or do not know how in Spanish.</p> 

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:

<p>Reading</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>Spelling Shed</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 4, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.</p>  <p>Logins will be stuck in children's planners.</p> <p>https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/</p>	<p>Times Table Rockstars</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! In Year 4, they are expected to complete 20 minutes per week.</p>  <p>Logins will be stuck in children's planners.</p> <p>https://trockstars.com/</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:

Friday (Autumn 1 only)

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

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – Half Term

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

Friday 19th December 2025 – End of term (1:30 finish)

Return to school on Monday 6th January 2026 at 8:30