

Year 1

Welcome back!

We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break and are ready to have a fabulous New Year, in Year 1. Please remember to send your child to school every day with their reading books and planners, we read every day in school so it's important that the children have these resources to support them. Thank you in advance!

This term, we are looking forward to our trip to Windsor Castle on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, we are sure the children are going to have a fabulous time!

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 *The Odd Egg* and *Leo and the Octopus*.

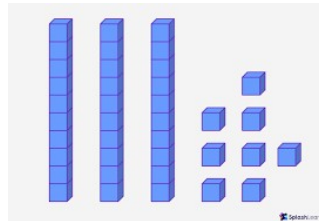


We will be using the information we learn from these books to create our own egg-spotters guide and a fact file about Octopuses!

Maths

In maths, we will be deepening our understanding of addition and subtraction, completing number sentences within 20.

We will also begin to look at numbers up to 50, beginning to learn how to partition different numbers into tens and ones.



Science

In science we will be learning about a variety of everyday materials. We will be investigating the properties of different materials and consider why we use specific materials to make certain objects.

Everyday Materials



Geography/History

In geography, we will be learning about the United Kingdom and the four countries which make up the UK.

In history, we will be learning about Kings, Queens and Castles. Preparing us for our visit to Windsor Castle!



Computing




In computing, we will be using the bee bots to explore programming. We will consider different routes we want our bee bots to take, and ensure our programs match our desired route.




Art/DT

In art, we will continue our exploration of colour and colour mixture. Using what we have learnt to create various art pieces inspired by the season of Spring. In DT, we will be exploring different fruits and making smoothies!



<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>This term, we will be answering the key question: What did Jesus teach his followers and how did he teach?</p> 	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>This term in PE will continue to develop our games skills, including balancing and carrying equipment. We will also be improving our throwing, catching and kicking skills. We will also begin to start out gymnastics' unit, where will learn to balance and create different shapes with our bodies.</p> 	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>In PSHE, we will be thinking about our dreams and goals and considering how we can achieve these. We will also discuss the term 'unique' and how we are all different.</p> 
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 **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	PE Kit	Any issues?
<p>All children should come to school in the correct school uniform, which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meadow Park sweatshirt</li> <li>• Plain white polo shirt</li> <li>• Plain grey or white socks</li> <li>• Grey trousers</li> <li>• Grey skirt</li> <li>• Black, sensible shoes (no heels)</li> </ul> 	<p>Children may come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE day is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Our PE uniform is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meadow Park black shorts</li> <li>• Meadow Park emerald green T shirt</li> <li>• Plimsolls, trainers or bare feet (for indoor PE)</li> <li>• Trainers with good grip and support for outside sport (different to indoor trainers)</li> <li>• Plain grey or black tracksuit bottoms and top (optional)</li> <li>• Hairband to tie long hair back</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>If you are still unsatisfied, please arrange a meeting with the phase leader.</p> <p>Acorns, Cherry, Willow, Maple – <b>Ms Pack</b> Beech, Sycamore, Elm, Chestnut, Ash, Holly, Hazel, Oak – <b>Ms Geary</b></p> <p>If after that meeting, you continue to be unhappy with the resolution, please contact the school office to make an appointment with <b>Ms Holehouse, Ms Voisey</b> or <b>Ms Drysdale</b>.</p> <p>If you require specific support regarding a child with SEN, please arrange a meeting with <b>Ms Mughal</b>.</p>

Lunchtime	Key Dates for your diary
<p>Our delicious lunches are provided by Educatering, formally known as Crumbs.</p>  <p>Lunches must be ordered by <b>midnight on Tuesday</b>, to ensure that your child has lunches for the <b>following</b> week. As the lunches are cooked to order, there are usually no spare lunches.</p> <p>You can place your lunch orders through MCAS.</p>  <p><b>Snacks and Water Bottles</b> Please make sure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school, so that they can stay hydrated.</p> <p>We also welcome the children to bring in a healthy, nut free snack to enjoy at playtime.</p> 	<p>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Staff INSET day</p> <p><b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Children return to school</b></p> <p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Reception Open Morning</p> <p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Winter Safety Assembly</p> <p>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Breakfast Workshops for Year 5</p> <p>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Breakfast Workshops for Year 5</p> <p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Year 5 Fire Safety Session</p> <p>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Parents Evening</p> <p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Online Safety Workshops</p> <p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Last Day of Half Term</p> <p><b>HALF TERM – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b></p> <p>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – Children return to school</p> <p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Year 2 to Oxford Ashmolean Museum</p> <p>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – World Book Day</p> <p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 3 to RHS Wisley</p> <p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 4 to Hampton Court Palace</p> <p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – International ‘Read to Me’ Day</p> <p>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Red Nose Day</p> <p>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 1 to Winsor Castle</p> <p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Acorns to Brooklands Museum</p> <p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 &amp; Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 3 &amp; 4 performances</p> <p>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Clubs end</p> <p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – End of Spring Term – Finish at 1:30pm</b></p> <p><b>A reminder that in the Summer Term, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Meadow Park Academy will be closed for all children, apart from Year 6, as we are being used as a Polling Station.</b></p>