

Meadowside Academy



A monthly update from the Headteacher, Mrs Maiden.

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic two weeks having all of the children back. They are working exceptionally hard and enjoying being with their friends. We are very happy with how they are following our school rules and showing our values. We can tell that many of our children have worked so hard at home and school during this lockdown. Their confidence is incredible and their support for one another is so encouraging to see.

A highlight for me these past two weeks, is seeing the children playing together outside and having fun during PE and Forest schools. The beautiful weather with the change of season has certainly put a 'spring' in our steps!

We are looking forward to the Summer term more than ever!

Mrs Maiden

What's the Big Idea?

Our current Big Idea is 'Cracking Contraptions'. Pupils have been doing a range of DT activities using tools for woodwork such as hammer & nails, glue guns, craft knives and drills. They have been putting their creative skills to the test and designing and making contraptions. The practical sessions have tested pupils' resilience, resourcefulness and relationships as they work collaboratively to solve problems.

Next term, we will start with RE week which we are now studying at the beginning of term rather than the end, to ensure we have time to complete all objectives.

We will then move onto our Big Idea 'Around the World in 40 Days'. We will study Geography, Science and some History in this topic. As we have not been able to cover our wider curriculum topics in as much depth as usual, we understand that some children may need to revisit prior knowledge and re-learn some facts. This is often the case in Geography. Please help us and your child by researching these questions with your child using maps, globes and the internet prior to next term:

'Nurturing curiosity, courage and kindness'.

Class Teachers 2020

Rec- Mrs Taylor

Y1-Miss Jenkins

Y2-Miss Place

Y3-Miss Stockmann

Y4-Mr Leverett

Y5-Mrs McMahon

Y6-Miss Corkhill

SENDCo- Mrs Gough

Whole School Events

Friday 19th March

Comic Relief 'Masked Joker'

Tuesday 23rd March

National Reflection Day

Friday 26th March

Virtual Easter Assembly

School closed for Easter Holidays

Monday 12th April

School Re-opens

Monday 3rd May

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th May

Parent Consultations

Friday 28th May

School closes for half term

Monday 7th June

School re-opens

KS1:

Can you name and locate the world's 7 continents?

Can you name and locate the world's 5 oceans?

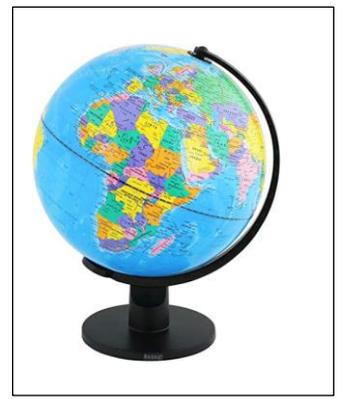
Can you name the countries and their capital cities that make up Great Britain?

KS2:

Can you identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern

Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and

Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones?



Our school rule: Be Safe

Next week I will be delivering an assembly each day on a different aspect of safety and teachers will complete a follow-up task in class. The topics that will be covered will include: internet safety; safety in the community including anti-social behavior, discrimination and the 'safer streets' campaign; safeguarding including the work of NSPCC; road and rail safety and making safe choices. We want children to know that they have a right to feel safe and that they can contribute to others feeling safe in society. Please encourage your child to talk about this at home and help to raise awareness.

Our most recent COVID-19 Risk Assessment is on the school website. All staff and visitors must follow this when entering school. We are still working in 'bubbles' including Ace Club. It is important that if your child, or anyone in your household, develops symptoms of Coronavirus that they are tested and do not attend school until they results come back negative. Please let the school Office know if your child is absent for any reason.