



The Meadows Primary Academy

Year 2 Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to an exciting new year! We will be sending a letter at the beginning of each term to introduce topics and learning themes.

Key Staff Members

Year 2O Class Teacher:



Hello, my name is Mr Lewis and I am based in Year 2 Oakwood. Over the past few years I have taught in a number of schools across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent predominantly in Key Stage One. I enjoy bringing the curriculum to life with creative, motivating and fun lessons. My main aim is to ensure that the children feel safe, happy and motivated to learn. When I am not in school, I enjoy playing hockey, football, playing the guitar and spending time with my friends.

If you have any concerns, please make an appointment with me via the office.

Year 2P Class Teacher:



Hello, my name is Miss Fryer, over the past few years I have also taught in a number of schools across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent in a variety of year groups. I have also had the opportunity to teach in America, with a well-known soccer company, supporting their coaches with their professional development.

During my teacher training I specialised in the early years and have a passion for learning in a fun, explorative and creative way. This is reflected in my home life where I enjoy going on dinosaur and bear hunts with my son, exploring and investigating our surroundings and making up exciting, imaginative stories.

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Our first exciting topic is called 'we are inventors'. This topic will start with a Geography focus, looking at the world around us, introducing the children to maps and different environments. It will then progress to a History based topic looking at the life and contributions of a local inventor.

PE will be on a Wednesday. As this is a subject that could change due to weather conditions, please ensure your child has an indoor (purple t-shirt and black shorts) and an outdoor PE kit (Purple t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms and a hooded jacket) with suitable pumps or trainers left in school. Please can all PE kit be labelled with the children's names. Also, on these days please remove earrings.

English: We will be reading a range on fiction and non-fiction books. We will start by reading 'The Lighthouse Keepers lunch' and will involve a trip to bring the curriculum to life. We will be using these to develop comprehension, predictions, sentence writing and vocabulary.

Maths: We will be working on the children's understanding of place value and calculations including addition and subtraction.

Art & DT: We will be focusing on the work of Lancashire based artist 'Chaz Jacobs,' we will be using his artwork to stimulate discussion and also help us to discover a variety of different art techniques.

Computing: The children will be learning how to use the internet safely to research an important inventor. This will involve the children researching and then using their new found facts to create, edit and present a computer based presentation.

PE: This term we will be developing the children's skills in netball.

Science: The children will be discussing the importance of a healthy well balanced diet and the impact that it has on our bodies. We will also be examining different materials and look at how they are suitable for their different purposes.

Geography: Children will be using maps, atlases and comparing different locations and environments. We are hoping to visit a very different location to study the environment and develop our language, (more details will follow).

History: We will be learning all about famous inventors of the past and focusing on the impact that they have made to British and Global history.

Please help to support your child's learning by ensuring that they are reading regularly at home (this can be either their reading book or by using the online Bug Club) and we ask that your child brings their reading book to school each day. Homework, focusing on spellings and number facts, will be issued each week on a Friday with the expectation that it is returned by the following Wednesday.

High Frequency Words (HFW):

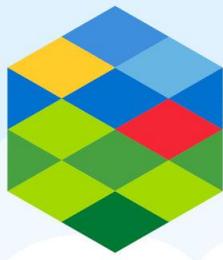
High Frequency Words are words that are used regularly in both the children's writing and their reading. As a result, they are key words that the children need to be able to read and write easily. Due to this we will be sending home a range of words, from the HFW list, for them to learn how to read fluently. They will not be able to progress to the next set until they can read all the words on their list, with ease, so if you could help them with these at home we would be extremely grateful.

If you have any concerns or queries in the meantime about your child, please speak to any member of the Year 2 team.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Lewis, Miss Fryer, Mrs Birch and Mrs Jackson





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