



The Meadows Primary Academy

Year 6 Autumn term 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Key staff this year:

Upper Key Stage 2 leader



Hello my name is Miss Carr and I am the Upper KS2 Phase Leader and will be working with both year 5 and 6 year groups throughout this year. I have been teaching at The Meadows Primary Academy for four years in Key Stage two and am very much looking forward to the up and coming academic year. Over the last few years, I have become a keen baker and love to create edible masterpieces for friends and family. The Harry Potter series is one of my favourite things to watch and I have set myself the challenge of reading all seven books (I am currently on the fifth!)

If you have any concerns please see your class teacher, however for further clarification or if your child's class teacher is unavailable then please make an afternoon appointment through the office to speak with me. I am here to support your child's learning and well-being at Meadows Primary Academy.

Year 6 Poplar class teacher



Hello, my name is Miss Callan. I am now in my sixth year at The Meadows Primary Academy, I am delighted to be embarking upon another year in year six. In my spare time I like running and was very proud to have completed the Potters Arf Marathon for the second time earlier this year. Although I perhaps shouldn't admit this in this part of Stoke-on-Trent, I am a keen follower of Port Vale and enjoy attending matches in my spare time! I am always happy to discuss any issues that you may have and look forward to working with you and your children this year.





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Year 6 Oakwood class teacher

Hello my name is Mr Damani and I am new to The Meadows Primary Academy. Having spent time with the class during the transition weeks in July, I am looking forward to working with the children in Year 6 this academic year. I love to travel and have been as far as New Zealand (where I lived for a while) and have had some interesting adventures such as bungee jumping and swimming with whale sharks! Throughout the year I will endeavour to do the utmost for every child and if you do need to notify me about anything regarding your child please do not hesitate to see me.

Our first theme this year is called 'The Circle of Life'. This will be an English and science based topic as we will be doing lots of work on poetry about the natural world. Following this, we will move on to our next theme: 'Achievements Through the Ages'. This will be a history based topic where we will explore legacies from different periods of history.

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon. As this is subject to change due to weather conditions, please ensure your child has an indoor (logoed t-shirt, black shorts) and an outdoor PE kit (logoed t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms and black hooded tops) with suitable pumps or trainers left in school. Also, on these days please remove earrings or provide plasters to cover them, although removing them is preferable.

English: We will begin by reading a selection of poems by Ted Hughes.

Maths: We will be working on the children's understanding of number facts and place value, multiplication and division, time and measures and column addition and subtraction.

Science: In science this half term we will be learning about classification and life cycles.

Art: Observational drawing and printing will be our focus taking inspiration from the natural world.

Computing: In an exciting series of units, children will be app designers. We will continue to reinforce the children's understanding of the importance of e-safety.

PE: This term we will be developing the children's skills in football and tennis.

French: To widen the children's vocabulary, our French topic will be 'La Plage' ('The beach').

History: By looking at achievements from the past, the children will work on their chronological understanding of time.

RE: Our key question is: 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?'

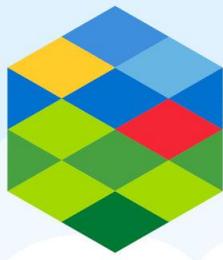
Please help to support your child's learning by ensuring that they are reading regularly at home (minimum of three times a week) and we ask that your child brings their reading book to school each day. Homework, focusing on spellings and multiplication and division facts, will be issued each week on a Friday with the expectation that it is returned by the following Wednesday. If it is not returned, detention will be issued during Wednesday play time. We have tested the children to determine an appropriate starting point for their times table homework this year.

We understand that this is an important year for your child, and we will be holding a meeting next term to inform you about the SATS and answer any questions you might have.

If you have any concerns or queries in the meantime about your child, please speak to any member of the Year 6 team. Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Callan, Miss Carr, Mr Damani, Mrs Spooner, Mrs Morris and Mr Harrison





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