

# The Meadows Primary Academy

**Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter 2018**

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

### Key Stage One Phase Leader & Year 2P Class Teacher



Hello my name is Mrs Burgess and I am Key Stage 1 phase leader based in Year 2. I have been lucky enough to have taught in a number of schools in Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire over the past 23 years and enjoy developing children's language, key skills and creativity through exciting stories and topics. When I am not at school, I enjoy camping with my family, making jewellery, visiting my friends, walking, watching films and reading.

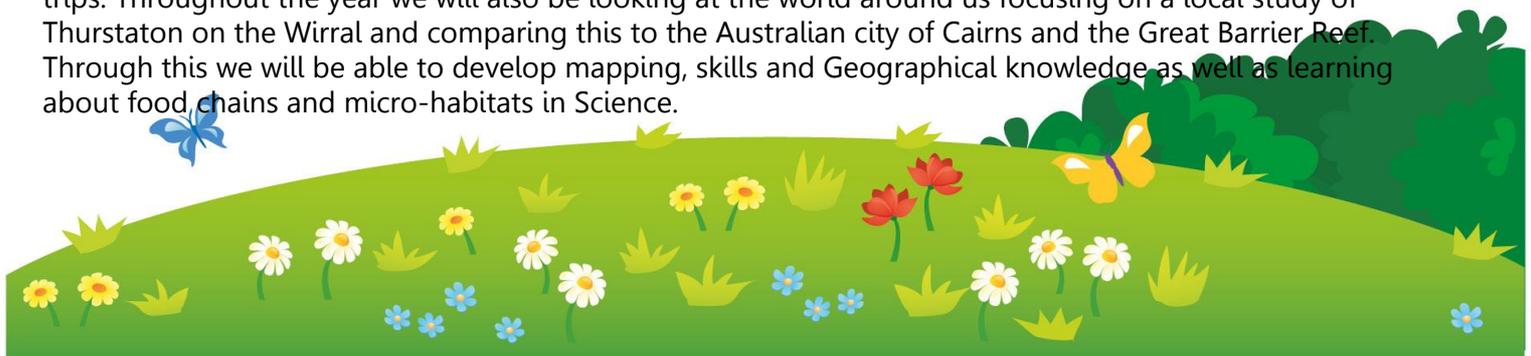
If you have any concerns please see your class teacher, however for further clarification or if your child's class teacher is unavailable then please make an afternoon appointment through the office to speak with me. I am here to support your child's learning and well-being at The Meadows Primary Academy.

### Year 2O Class Teacher:



Hello, my name is Miss Williams. I have taught at the school for the past 10 years and worked with a range of age groups. I am also the History and Geography coordinator. If you have any concerns, please make an appointment with me via the office.

The topic for this term is 'Sea-life'. This topic will have a Science and Geography focus and will involve school trips. Throughout the year we will also be looking at the world around us focusing on a local study of Thurston on the Wirral and comparing this to the Australian city of Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. Through this we will be able to develop mapping, skills and Geographical knowledge as well as learning about food chains and micro-habitats in Science.





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PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon. As the weather conditions are likely to change please ensure your child has an indoor PE Kit (purple t-shirt and black shorts) and an outdoor PE kit (purple t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms and a black jacket/jumper) with suitable pumps or trainers left in school. Please can all PE kit be labelled with the children's names. On these days all jewellery including earrings must be removed.

English: We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books about sea-life and Australia including, *The Snorg and the Sailor*, *Three by the Sea* and *Winnie Under the Sea*. We will be using these books to develop vocabulary and language understanding as well as comprehension and writing a variety of sentence types.

Phonics and Spelling: Children will have a quick recap of phase 5, but then move onto phase 6 which includes spelling patterns. Children will also have opportunities at school and home to learn the Year 2 common exception words and spell these.

Maths: We will be focusing on the children's understanding of place value using 2 digit numbers, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division using the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, fractions and shape.

Art: Children will be developing their drawing and painting skills by using Aboriginal art, seascapes and landscapes using water colours.

DT: We will be linking our DT with food from around the world, as children will look at where our food comes from and how it gets to our country. We will also be evaluating food products we already use.

Computing: The children will learn how to classify animals and how to use cameras to produce a range of different photographs.

PE: Children will have PE every Wednesday and need their kits in school at all times.

Science: The children will be building on their work from Year 1 as they explore micro-habitats and classify animals. They will explore different regions of the earth and food chains. Children will be posed questions and will explore these questions scientifically to formulate answers.

Geography: The children will explore the weather and climate around the world and compare two different areas of the world, The Wirral and Australia.

RE: The children will be discussing 'How should we care for the world and does it matter?' and 'How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?' We will also be preparing for the Christmas performance.

Please help to support your child's learning by ensuring that they are reading regularly at home and sign their reading diary, so that they can earn their rewards. We ask that your child brings their reading book to school each day. Children will be given key spellings and times tables to learn. Homework will be a variety of learning challenges that will give children and parents a choice of interesting activities. We ask that children complete some of these tasks regularly and these will support children's learning in the classroom.

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.

**Mrs Burgess, Miss Williams, Mrs Jones, Mrs Davies, Mrs Clay and Miss Rogers.**

