The Meadows Primary School



Welcome to

Kestrels

Year 4 & 5 Class

2026-27

Your teacher is **Mr Berry**



The Teaching Assistants who will be supporting our class are:

Mrs Evans, Mr Bickley & Ms Meredith

This booklet is to help provide useful information to parents and carers about our class routines so that you can help your child settle into their new class as smoothly as possible.

Class Weekly Timetable

KESTRELS' TIMETABLE - Autumn 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.30 - 8.45	Registration (Spell. & Corr.)	Registration (Spell. & Corr.)	Registration (Spell. & Corr.)	Registration (Spell. & Corr.)	Registration (Spell. & Corr.)
8.45 - 9.00	**Mastering Number**	**Mastering Number**	**Mastering Number**	**Mastering Number**	**Well-Done Assembly**
9.00 - 9.20	**Assembly**	**Assembly**	**Assembly**	9-10am **P.E.** (with Mr O'Reilly)	
9.20 - 10.20	**English**	**English**	**English**	10-10:40 **English**	**English**
10.20 - 10.40	**Guided Reading**	**Guided Reading**	**Guided Reading**		**Guided Reading**
10.40 - 10.55	Playtime	Playtime	Playtime	Playtime	Playtime (Duty)
10.55 - 12.00	**Maths**	**Maths**	**Maths**	**Maths**	**Maths**
12.00 - 13.00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13.00-13.25			PPA – 1-1:45pm	**French** (with Mrs Rodenhurst)	**Guided Reading** (Mrs Howell)
13.25-14.15	**Computing**	**PSHE**	**Music**	1.30pm **Spellings**	**R.E.** (Mrs Howell)
14.15 - 15.05	**P.E.**	**Science**	**Art / D&T**	**Topic** (Geography / History	**Handwriting /** (Mrs Howell) **14.30 - Nurture Time**
15:05 - 15.15	Class book and Coats & Bags for Home-time	Class book and Coats & Bags for Home-time	Class book and Coats & Bags for Home-time	Class book and Coats & Bags for Home-time	Class book and Coats & Bags for Home-time

Other Useful Information

P.E. **(Kit needed)**	***Mondays and Thursdays*** *are the class P.E. days during Autumn term. Children are to* ***come to school in their P.E. kits on both these days,*** *to wear all day. Starting* ***in Spring Term****, pupils will visit the leisure centre for* ***swimming lessons each week on Wednesdays*** *(this will replace their Thursday P.E. session). On swimming lesson days, children will need wear P.E. kits and bring their swimming kits in a bag. They will need to be collected from the leisure centre, unless they are booked in to Caterpillar Club.*
Reading books	*Children will be given a school reading book to be read at home and in school. Please send reading books in to school everyday so that they can read to staff as required. Children can notify the teaching assistants when they need to change their book. We will focus on changing books on a Monday particularly.* ***Please listen to your child read at home frequently and record this in their Reading Diary booklet.***
Reading Diary	*Children will be sent home with a 'Reading Diary'. The rear pages (working backwards from the rear cover) will be for the children and staff to keep a record of the titles of books they have read throughout the year. The front pages are for you to record when an* ***adult*** *listens to them read. Please can you listen to your child read several times a week, asking them questions about what they have read, and recording the pages read and any comments about their reading you wish to make.* ***Please keep the Reading Diary inside their current reading book so that it is coming in to school everyday.***
Homework	*Each week, pupils are expected to complete at least 15 minutes of game time on TTRockstars. They will also need to complete their spelling practise sheet each day. Please also listen to them read their book several times a week. Occasionally, an additional topic based task may be sent home when appropriate.*

Home Learning Tasks

It is our school policy to provide the opportunity for children to undertake regular, age-appropriate activities at home that support and help to consolidate the children's learning in school.

Research has shown that children make better progress in school when parents and carers are involved and interested in their child's learning.

Regular daily activities	• **Reading to an adult**. *Please actively listen to your child read aloud as frequently as possible and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important to hear them read in this way (rather than letting them just read to themselves) as it means you can ensure they are understanding what they are reading and engaging with the text. It also builds a shared enjoyment of reading and promotes discussions around different topics.*
	• ***Practice your weekly spellings each day.***
	• ***Practise the times tables using TTRockstars.***
	  • *Children should be able to recall these facts instantly out of sequence.*
	  • *Year 4 pupils will be expected to be able to recall all times tables up to 12 x 12 with fluency by June, when they undertake the national Multiplication Tables Check.*

Below is a list of websites that may be useful to use when practising your multiplication tables.

Times Tables Rockstars - https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/40237/

Hit the Button - https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

School Website

Please check out our class page on our school website. Here you can find websites for your information e.g. relating to English and Maths and lots of fun activities and games for you to play on with your child and they won't even realise they are learning!

Here's the address;

http://www.meadows.shropshire.sch.uk/welcome.asp

1. Go to children, then class pages.

2. Click on Kestrels - Years 4 & 5

3. *At the bottom of the page are links to online resources and activities to support their learning.*

Handwriting Information

Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly as early as possible. See below for the correct letter formation. This prevents the children from getting into 'bad habits' and then having to re-learn letter formation. Thank you!

Joining letter sets for Y4/P5

diagonal join to ascender (e.g. *at*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

a b c d e h i k l m n p s t u

to letters in this box.

b f h k l t

diagonal join, no ascender (e.g. *da*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

a b c d e h i k l m n p q s t u

to letters in this box.

e i j m n p r u v w y

*a c d g o q s

horizontal join, no ascender (e.g. *wo*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

f o r v w

to letters in this box.

e i j m n p r u v w y

*a c d g o q s

horizontal join to ascender (e.g. *oh*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

f o r v w

to letters in this box.

b f h k l t

break letters

Joins are not made from these letters.

g j y

Joins are not made to or from these letters.

x z

* anticlockwise letters

Penpals for Handwriting: Y4

Joining letter sets for Y5&6/P6&7

diagonal join to ascender (e.g. *at*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

a b c d e h i k l m n p s t u

to letters in this box.

b f h k l t

diagonal join, no ascender (e.g. *da*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

a b c d e h i k l m n p q s t u

to letters in this box.

e i j m n p r u v w y

*a c d g o q s

horizontal join, no ascender (e.g. *wo*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

f o r v w

to letters in this box.

e i j m n p r u v w y

*a c d g o q s

horizontal join to ascender (e.g. *oh*)

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Penpals for Handwriting: Y5&6

Spelling Expectations

Below is a copy of the word-list for years 3/4 and 5/6 which is a statutory requirement in the National Curriculum. The lists are a mixture of words pupils frequently use in their writing and those which they often misspell. Some of the listed words may be thought of as quite challenging. However they are learnt over time and we work on them regularly as part of our weekly spelling tests. It would be helpful if you are aware of these words and could work on them together at home.

The children do not need to know the Year 5 & 6 words yet, but some parents might find them useful for if your child fancies a challenge!

Word list – years 3 and 4

accident(ally)	early	knowledge	purpose
actual(ly)	earth	learn	quarter
address	eight/eighth	length	question
answer	enough	library	recent
appear	exercise	material	regular
arrive	experience	medicine	reign
believe	experiment	mention	remember
bicycle	extreme	minute	sentence
breath	famous	natural	separate
breathe	favourite	naughty	special
build	February	notice	straight
busy/business	forward(s)	occasion(ally)	strange
calendar	fruit	often	strength
caught	grammar	opposite	suppose
centre	group	ordinary	surprise
century	guard	particular	therefore
certain	guide	peculiar	though/although
circle	heard	perhaps	thought
complete	heart	popular	through
consider	height	position	various
continue	history	possess(ion)	weight
decide	imagine	possible	woman/women
describe	increase	potatoes	
different	important	pressure	
difficult	interest	probably	
disappear	island	promise	

Word list – years 5 and 6

accommodate	criticise (critic + ise)	individual	relevant
accompany	curiosity	interfere	restaurant
according	definite	interrupt	rhyme
achieve	desperate	language	rhythm
aggressive	determined	leisure	sacrifice
amateur	develop	lightning	secretary
ancient	dictionary	marvellous	shoulder
apparent	disastrous	mischievous	signature
appreciate	embarrass	muscle	sincere(ly)
attached	environment	necessary	soldier
available	equip (–ped, –ment)	neighbour	stomach
average	especially	nuisance	sufficient
awkward	exaggerate	occupy	suggest
bargain	excellent	occur	symbol
bruise	existence	opportunity	system
category	explanation	parliament	temperature
cemetery	familiar	persuade	thorough
committee	foreign	physical	twelfth
communicate	forty	prejudice	variety
community	frequently	privilege	vegetable
competition	government	profession	vehicle
conscience*	guarantee	programme	yacht
conscious*	harass	pronunciation	
controversy	hindrance	queue	
convenience	identity	recognise	
correspond	immediate(ly)	recommend	

Times Tables

In the table below are the National Curriculum times tables expectations for each year group. The children will be tested on their times tables regularly in school. Children will also be expected to know any previous year groups multiplication tables.

In June, Year 4 pupils will take the National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Children are given a few seconds to respond to a series of multiplication questions up to 12 x 12. More details about this will be shared closer to the time.

Year 1	Count in multiples of 2,5 and 10. Recall and use all the doubles to 10 and their corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 4, and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4	**Recall and use multiplication and division facts for up to 12 x 12.**
Year 5	**Revision of all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.**
Year 6	Revision of all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

At the Meadows Primary school, we want to encourage and support your child to fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Knowledge of multiplication and division and its applications forms an important aspect of the KS2 curriculum, and is the gateway to success at secondary school.

To encourage and recognise the hard work children put into learning their multiplication facts, we have a multiplication reward badge system. The reward badge system has 4 levels. ***To earn a badge, children will need to show that all 12 facts are consistently green on their Heat Map in Times Tables Rock Stars for each of the multiplication tables listed below:***



***Bronze**: 2, 5 ,10 multiplication facts*



***Silver**: 4, 8 multiplication facts*



***Gold**: 3, 6, 9 multiplication facts*



***Ultimate**: 7, 11, 12 multiplication facts*

Once the multiplication facts for each award have been achieved, your child will bring home a slip for you to request the purchase of the badge. If you wish to purchase the badge, each one will cost £1.00. Upon return of the slip to school, the badge request will be added to Eduspot where you will be able to complete the purchase. The badges will be presented to the children in Well Done assembly on a Friday and can be worn on the collar of their school T-shirt.