## Meadow View Primary School Newsletter - September 2023

## WELCOME BACK

It has been fabulous to see all the children in their smart uniform and smiles upon their faces coming into school on their return. Classrooms have been buzzing with excitement and lots of children have wanted to tell me all about their new classes. I would like to welcome all children, families and staff back to Meadow View and also welcome all of our new families, children and Mrs Connor, who has joined us as our new EYFS Leader. It really is GREAT to be back!

## School Uniform

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who have helped support the school by ensuring that all children are dressed in the correct uniform and PE Kit. As a school, we have a uniform recycling service which is run by Mrs Morgan. If you have any old uniform or PE Kit you can donate, please bring it into school. If would like to receive some second-hand uniform, please have a quiet word with Mrs Morgan and let her know the sizes and items you require. This can be done on the gate in a morning or by phoning or emailing school.

## Congratulations

We have a few staff congratulations to share with you. Miss Ford is expecting a baby near Christmas. More information on staffing to cover her maternity leave will be issued nearer the time. Miss Weyman has successfully gained a place on a teacher training course so will be training to be a teacher with us over the next two years.

## Parents meetings

Just advance notice that our parents' and carers meetings this term are after school on $14^{\text {th }}$ November. Please save the date in your diaries.

## INSET DAYS

INSET stands for In-Service Training Day. These are 5 identified days across the year that are used for staff development. Children do not attend school on INSET Days. Our INSET days this year are:

- $4^{\text {th }}$ September 2023
- $8^{\text {th }}$ January 2024
- $3^{\text {rd }}$ June 2024
- $22^{\text {nd }}$ and $23^{\text {rd }}$ July 2024


## TERM DATES

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 23 October 2023
Back to school - Monday 30 October 2023 CHRISTMAS
Holiday starts - Monday 25 December 2023 Back to school - Tuesday 9 January 2024 FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Holidays starts - Monday 12 February 2024 Back to school - Monday 19 February 2024 EASTER
Holiday starts - Friday 29 March 2024
Back to school - Monday 15 April 2024

## MAY HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 27 May 2024
Back to school - Tuesday 4 June 2024
SUMMER HOLIDAY
Holiday starts - Monday 22 July 2024

## Topics

In Foundation Stage 1, the children complete their learning through stories. The stories they are learning this term include: The Three Little Pigs, Rosie's Walk, My Hair, The Gruffalo, The Leaf Thief, The Gingerbread Man and The Snowflake.
In Foundation Stage 2 the children have shorter 2 or 3 week topics. This first half term the topics will be: Who am I? Who helps me? How do people celebrate special times?
In Y1-Y6, the curriculum is planned on 3 topics, one for each term, with a through school theme that links them all together. This term the focus in Y1 to Y6 is a History focus with the theme of: CIVILISATION
The topics that your children will be learning about this term are:
Y1 and Y2 - What makes a superhero? This has a focus on real life superheroes including Sir Captain Tom Moore and Florence Nightingale.
Y3 and Y4 - Can we make comparisons between ancient civilisations? This has a focus on Ancient Egypt, the Stone Age, the Iron Age and the Bronze Age.
Y5 and Y6-How does the Mayan Civilisation compare with Ancient Britain? This has a focus on the Mayan way of life compared to the Stone, Iron and Bronze Age.

## Class Names

Texts will include class names to help parents who have multiple children in school. Class names are as follows:

F1 Mrs Connor - Rabbits F2 Mrs Gregg - Hedgehogs Y1 Miss Ford - Otters Y2 Miss Haslam - Squirrels Y3 Miss Webb - Owls Y4 Miss May - Kingfishers Y5/6 Miss Webster - Badgers Y5/6 Mr Allen - Foxes

