

YEAR 1



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Coming up next week...12/10/2026

Maths

We will spend time consolidating the concepts of greater than, less than and equal to. The children will be making practical comparisons and then comparing numbers (more abstract), using number lines and again using the mathematical symbols: $<$ $=$ $>$.

English

This week, the children will be writing about their memories from when they were 4 or 5 years old and reflecting on what they can do now that they are 5 or 6. These personal reflections will be used to create their own memoir book.

The focus of this writing activity will be on developing sentence structure, with particular attention to:

- Using **capital letters** at the beginning of each sentence.
- Including **full stops** at the end of sentences.
- Leaving **finger spaces** between words.

Phonics and Reading

From the assessments completed, each class teacher will tailor the sounds we cover this week, reflecting the priorities for their class. There will be no Bug Club or VIPERS text this week as we will be carrying out individual reads with the children. Your child's individual read will take place next week or the first week back after half term. Please can your child have their reading book in their bookbag every day, even if you are mid-way through it. Please continue reading at home and spotting digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words together. Your child can change their reading book as often as they like. If they have it in their hand when they come into class in the morning it serves as a good reminder. We will also do a whole class reminder every Friday.

Our fluency text this week is an AI generated poem entitled: Black History Month.

Topic

As it is Black History Month, we will be finding out what this means and why we celebrate it. We will be learning about significant individuals and the importance of their actions, as well as sharing a number of stories.

Next week we will introduce purple mash to the children. We will spend the week teaching the children to login and out, completing tasks including painting, make games and they will also take part in online safety lessons and how to stay safe on line.

In RE we will be reviewing our learning about the Christian view of creation. The children will choose a way to represent one of the days of the Christian creation story. We will take photos of the children's creations to create a class book.

PE

We are continuing our fitness unit and ball skills units in PE lessons. We will be learning how exercise helps muscles and bones get stronger and how they feel after exercise.

Homework

The children will be bringing home phonics sheets. These sheets will revise the content taught the previous week and are to help your child consolidate their phoneme knowledge.

Next week the children will also bring home spellings. We ask that you practice these at home during the half term.

Dates for your diaries:

2 week half term break: 19th October to 1st November.

Back to school Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November 3.15pm – 3.35pm Year 1 parents book look in your child's classroom.

Please can we have any junk modelling. We use it for our workshop area so we always need more.

The class email addresses are: badgers@mead.surrey.sch.uk
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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.