

Meadow Newsletter

Autumn 2

Welcome

We hope you have a restful and memorable half term holiday. The coming weeks are set to be exciting and full of learning for our Meadow pupils. Read on to find out more about what we have in store!.



There's No Place Like Home...

Throughout this half term, we will be exploring the topic 'There's No Place Like Home', where we will be learning all about homes, families and familiar places through a range of fun, practical activities. We will be sharing stories such as Peepo!, The Tiger Who Came to Tea and The Three Little Pigs, using these to support our learning through sensory play, songs, role play and creative activities. We will continue to develop our communication, independence and fine motor skills through play-based learning, exploring different materials, textures and experiences linked to our stories.

Important information:

Key dates and important information:

- Monday 9th November 2026 – School photos
- Friday 13th November 2026 – Light Up The Sky event
- Monday 30th November 2026 – INSET day
- Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December 2026 – Parent consultation evenings
- Thursday 10th December 2026 – Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

Colder weather

As we now head into the winter months, it is very important that our children have a warm winter coat to wear at school. Our Meadow children spend time learning outdoors throughout the day, so it is important they are dressed appropriately.

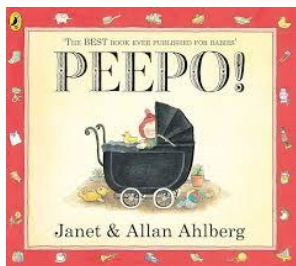
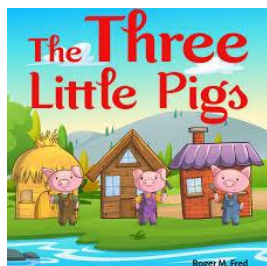
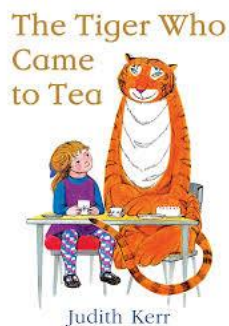
Educational visits

Please check the ReachMoreParents app regularly for updates on educational visits with your child's mainstream class.

How to support your child at home...

- **Messy play** – Have fun exploring water, sand and playdough.
- **Turn-taking** – Play simple games together, practising “my turn” and “your turn”.
- **Busy Hands** – Practise rolling playdough, opening containers and transferring objects.
- **Counting** – Count toys and sing number rhymes together.
- **Independence** – Encourage your child to help with dressing and mealtimes.

Some of the texts we'll be looking at:



OUR CURRICULUM

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we will continue to develop positive relationships through turn-taking games, attention games and group activities. We will encourage the children to enjoy playing alongside others, build confidence and learn to take turns through fun, practical experiences. We will also continue to support the children to develop their independence and learn ways to feel calm and comfortable with their familiar adults.

Sensory Story

This half term, we will be bringing our topic, *There's No Place Like Home*, to life through our core stories: *The Three Little Pigs*, *Peepo!* and *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Through sensory stories and drama games, the children will explore familiar story characters and events using props, sounds, actions and sensory experiences. These activities will support the development of attention, listening and communication, while encouraging the children to join in in their own way.

Fun with Food

This half term, we will be exploring a variety of sticky and stretchy foods, including golden syrup, jam, yoghurt, cooked spaghetti, soft dough and melted cheese. The children will have opportunities to touch, squeeze, spread, pull and manipulate different foods using their hands or preferred tools. These experiences will encourage curiosity, help the children explore different food properties and support them to become more comfortable with a range of textures.

Messy Play

This half term, our messy play activities will focus on exploring different sensory materials and discovering cause and effect. The children will investigate what happens when materials move, mix or change, using a range of textures, liquids and tools. Through these hands-on experiences, we will encourage the children to make choices, explore their preferences and develop confidence in engaging with sensory activities that they enjoy.

Busy Hands

The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through our Busy Hands activities, with a focus on using both hands together for coordinated tasks. We will be exploring how to hold and stabilise objects, manipulate playdough, open and close containers, make marks and use tools such as tongs and pegs. These practical activities will help strengthen hand control and coordination while supporting the children to become more confident and independent when handling everyday objects.