

**Our Learning**

**English**

**This half term, we will be studying the narrative ‘Look up!’ by Nathan Bryon. The class will develop their English through writing using commas for lists, apostrophes for contractions, various conjunctions and tier 3 vocabulary.**

**In WCR, we will develop our skills in comprehension and honing skills such as ‘finding the key words’ to support this. Children will also learn to distinguish between the various types of VIPERS questions.**

**Maths**

**This half term, we will continue to learn about addition and subtraction before moving onto studying money. Children will develop their numerical fluency and their problem solving and reasoning skills through a range of practical and written activities.**

**Big Idea – I am an explorer**

**As part of Big Idea, children will explore the past in their history learning. We will explore the moon landings and why the event is still important to us today.**

**Through Art, children will explore their local surroundings; developing skills in drawing and sketching. Our Christmas production will see children explore the world of drama and music, as well as exploring the Christmas story and an understanding of why it is so important to Christians 2000 years on.**

**Key messages**

Safety in school: Children have been informed of the procedures in place around school to help keep them safe. For further info please see: <https://www.meadowside.n-yorks.sch.uk/coronavirus>

PE – We will be focusing on gymnastics and dance. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (black/navy shorts and a white t-shirt) and sports trainers. They will also need some warmer clothes alongside this (i.e. joggers/jumper). PE will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Earrings should not be worn on these days or your child will not be able to take part.

**Reading books** – Books will be changed on a **Monday**. Reading packs should only be brought to school on a Monday and they will be given out on a Monday evening. Homework will be given out on a Monday.

**Homework**

**Reading**

Reading is fundamental to all parts of your child’s learning. It would be extremely beneficial and helpful for your child, if they can read at least 4 times a week (at least 15/20 minutes a time). This can be them reading independently or to someone in the family. Please initial this in the reading diaries or ask the children to initial. Books/homework will be given out on Monday.

**Maths**

X tables - ‘Hit the Button’ is also a fantastic game for children to play, offering quick fire questions. TT Rock Stars is also a useful game for your child to use to support their learning.

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

**Spelling**

Spelling homework will be given each week. Children will have a supportive spelling quiz each week. More details to follow.

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