



# NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER TEN – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Value of the week.....

This week our focus has been on challenging ourselves. Taking inspiration from World book day has helped us to step outside of our comfort zones and try something new. At Meadow Farm we have a strong focus on reading for pleasure and discovering the joy that a good book can bring. We have asked pupils to challenge themselves by choosing books from different genres that are different to what they would normally read. By challenging ourselves as readers, we can grow our imagination and grow our learning.

## World book day.....

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. Pupils and staff made a fantastic effort by coming dressed in their pyjamas which was based around our focus on bedtime stories. It was lovely to see everyone so engaged with a wide range of books. Pupils enjoyed sharing and showcasing their favourite bedtime reads with friends and teachers. Throughout the day, children took part in a variety of reading-focused activities designed to inspire a love of books and storytelling. In the afternoon, everyone enjoyed a special treat — a drink and a cookie, while relaxing with their chosen story. This was definitely the highlight for lots of pupils.

## Year 4 History workshop.....

On Monday, Year 4 were able to experience what it was like to be a Roman for the day. They took part in lots of activities including learning how swords were made and what they were used for, how to make mosaic plates and what it was like battling as a Roman in the Colosseum. The Roman workshop ties into their topic for this term which is 'Rotten Romans'. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the day and were asking lots of questions to expand their learning.

## Year 5 Greek workshop.....

On Wednesday, Year 5 took part in an Ancient Greek workshop. During the day, pupils fully immersed themselves in life in Ancient Greece. They took part in Meadow Farm's very own version of the Olympic Games taking part in a number of different activities such as javelin, long jump, shot put and races. They then discussed the differences between the current Olympic Games and how these differed to the past. Year 5 were very enthusiastic throughout the day, asking lots of questions and getting involved in each task. Well done Year 5, it was a pleasure to see you enjoying your learning.

## Year 3 Shardlow.....

Year 3 were finally able to enjoy their geography field trip to the confluence of the River Derwent and The River Trent following it being rescheduled due to the weather. Year 3 walked down to the river mouth along the canal towpath and identified the features of the river that they could see. They then created a geographical sketch of the confluence and collected numerical data, using floating objects and a stop clock to calculate the speed of the water in the River Trent. Along the walk, pupils spotted lots of canal boats with interesting names and plenty of wildlife. What a fun afternoon out!

## Pastures new.....

As you will have seen on class dojo, Mrs Gregory has recently had a medical procedure. Following this, she has taken the decision to step down from her role as Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Gregory has been at Meadow Farm for over 18 years and during this time has made a huge impact on both children and their families. Mrs Gregory will be sorely missed by both staff and pupils and we would like to wish her all the best for her recovery and the future.

### Wellbeing raffle.....

Thank you for all the support shown to our wellbeing leadership group who have been raising money by selling raffle tickets this week. Your support will allow the wellbeing leadership group to purchase new plants and flowers to spruce up our playground and hopefully put a smile on everybody's faces. Well done to the winner of the raffle.

Please remember, our Easter raffle will be coming up soon, with lots of great chocolatey prizes up for grabs!

### Coming up.....

| DATES               | EVENT   |
|---------------------|---|
| 10.03.26            | Ancient Greece Class Assembly                                     |
| 11.03.26            | Discovery Squad assembly  |
| 13.03.26            | Non-School Uniform (Easter)                                       |
| 16.03.26 – 19.03.26 | Scholastic Book Fair  |
| 16.03.26 – 27.03.26 | Big Walk and Wheel  |
| 17.03.26            | Year 5 Ancient Greece class assembly                              |
| 24.03.26            | Easter Bonnet Parade/Boiled Egg Competition                       |
| 25.03.26            | Year 4 Roman Class Assembly                                       |
| 26.03.26            | Jungle Jo EYFS  |
| 30.03.26 – 10.04.26 | Easter Holidays   |
| 16.04.26            | National Offer Day  |
| 21.04.26            | Celebration of Dance  |
| 24.04.26            | Year 5 West Park Taster Day                                       |
| 04.05.26            | Bank Holiday – School closed                                      |
| 11.05.26 – 14.05.26 | Year 6 SATs   |
| 25.05.26 – 29.05.26 | Half Term   |
| 18.06.26            | Year 2 Eyam trip  |
| 19.06.26            | Jane Stapleton photographers in school – class photos and leavers |
| 26.06.26            | Year 4 Cromford trip  |
| 29.06.26            | Inset day   |
| 01.07.26            | Book Bus in school (PM only)                                      |
| 15.07.26            | Year 3 Egyptian class assembly                                    |
| 23.07.26            | Last day of term  |



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