

Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and Successful Learners



School News 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We sincerely hope that you are all safe and well at home and please remember that if you are in need of any support then don't hesitate to contact us. We know that many of our families have been directly affected by this pandemic and please know that our love and thoughts are with you.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents that have taken the time to send in messages of support and thanks to school and we appreciate your kind words.

We would also like to thank all of our parents who are critical workers who are going above and beyond at this time. We have many critical workers at Manor Way and when I talk to you I am struck by how much everyone is giving at this time and how hard you are all working- well done everyone!

Another thank you goes to parents at home who are doing a cracking job of homeschooling. As we continue to adapt to remote learning, we have seen an incredible level of engagement. Thank you for your continued support in embracing the new technology and for the contributions that your amazing children have made.

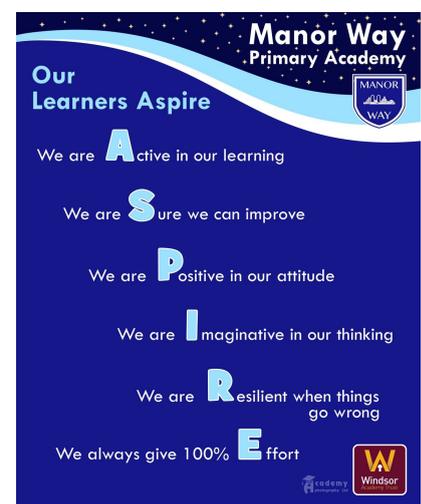
Next week's remote learning will be sent out today. As we are continuing to deliver the curriculum that we would be following in school, the live lessons are progressive so it's really important, for your child's understanding of concepts, to attend all sessions. We hope you enjoy the learning planned.

Finally, please keep sending in the wonderful photos of all the fantastic activities that you have been doing on Class Dojo. It gives the children an opportunity to share their successes, see their classmates and be part of our Manor Way community.

Whole School Praise Assembly coming next week...

As we are desperately missing all of you we think it is important to try to meet as a school and celebrate the children's achievements. Therefore, from next week we will be having our whole school praise assembly at **12 noon on Friday**. The teachers will be awarding two praise certificates to children in their class who have worked incredibly hard to demonstrate the 'Manor Way' or our 'Aspire Character and Learner skills'.

The link will be on your Google Classroom page. We can have 250 people log onto the assembly so if you have more than one child please can you log on once and watch as a family. It is really important that you are on mute throughout and that your camera is turned off. Please log on and we will start promptly at 12 noon.



Miss Buffery will also be challenging you to take part in 'The Buffery Bonus' where you will be set a fun challenge to win extra Dojos. 25 Dojos are up for grabs and these can be won by children, parents or grandparents! We hope that you can join us to celebrate and fingers crossed technology is on our side!

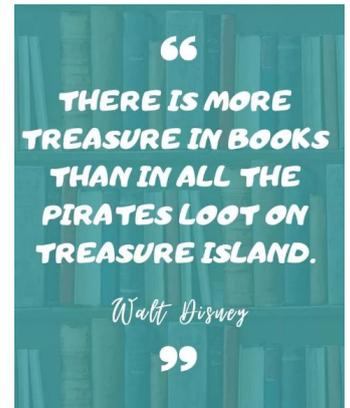
Google Guardian

Following a successful pilot at one of our secondary academies Cheslyn Hay Academy, we are rolling out the **Google Guardian Tool** across our KS2 classes to augment and enhance how we communicate with parents/carers. This will be going live on Monday 1st February. Please look out for your Google Guardian invite email which you should receive next week.

Google Guardian will allow you to receive a weekly summary of work that has been set on Google Classroom for your children to complete. The summary will include missed work, upcoming work and class activities. We believe that this will further improve school and parent communication and help us to work together more effectively to support our children.

Reading is the key to success

One of our classes was learning about Walt Disney this week and it reminded me of this quote. We know you are all avid readers and understand the importance of reading so please take a screenshot of your reading diaries and send them to your teachers on Class Dojo and we can award reading certificates to the children.

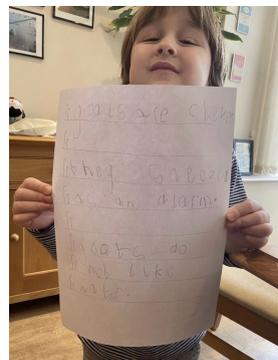


Our learning this week...

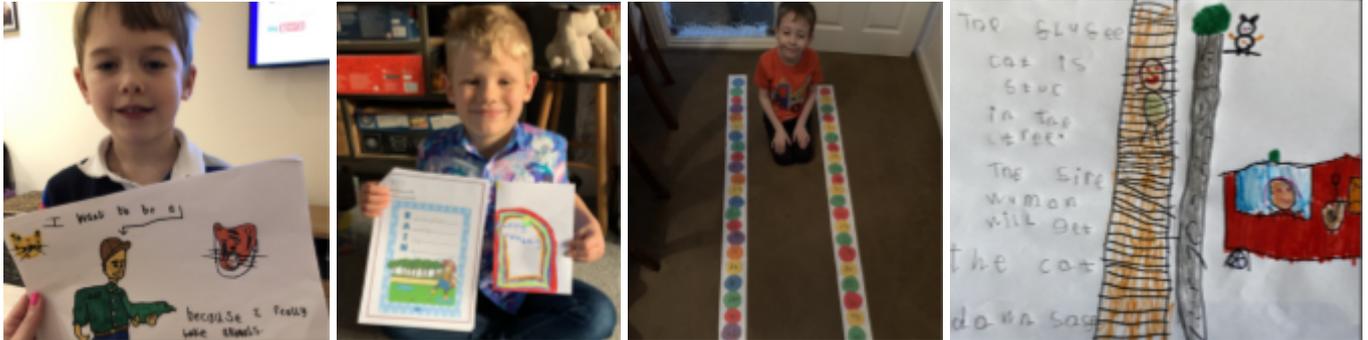
In Preschool, this week we have been learning all about 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have been working hard to work as engineers to build Goldilocks a new bed. We have also worked super hard to order different bears and toys by size. Some of us also had some new learning and learnt the meaning of the word 'medium'. In phonics this week we have focused on listening ears and the 'a' sound. You have all blown me away with your super engagement. A big well done to all the children at home and in school, you are 'a'-mazing!



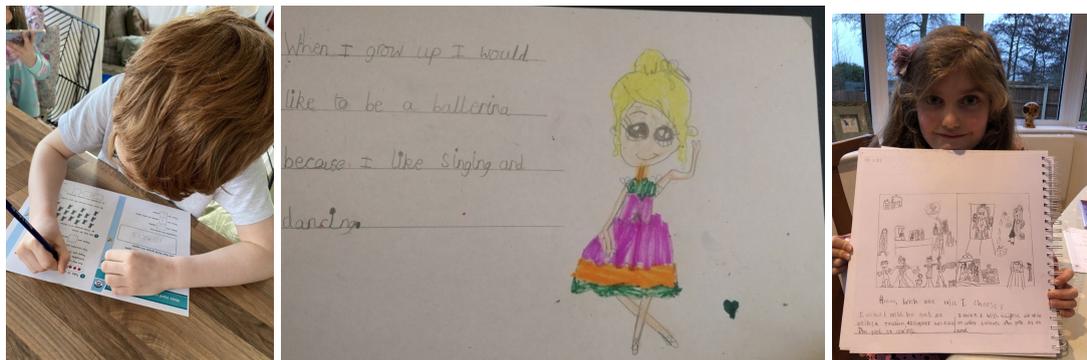
In Reception, this week we have been learning all about 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have built bridges out of LEGO and wooden blocks for the goats to cross, made troll masks and found out some fantastic goat facts! This week we have learnt the graphemes ear, air, er and ure in phonics. For maths we have learnt all about measuring in different ways. We have been ordering by size, using different objects to measure length and have been finding out about full and empty. Well done to all the children at home and in school for engaging with remote learning, you are all superstars!



In **Year 1**, we have had a super week learning about our ASPIRE character values and skills. We have shared our aspirations for the future and have considered which skills and virtues we will need to achieve these. In English we have been writing letters and continuing to learn about alternative spellings in Phonics. We have found out about tens and ones in our maths lessons and have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We also found out what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores are- ask us to see if we can remember! Well done my 'Wonderful Ones!'



In **Year 2**, this week in maths, we have continued to learn about multiplication with a focus on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. I am so proud of the children for how well they have engaged in their maths live lessons, they have all been so enthusiastic and confident which is so lovely to see! In our reading lessons we have been looking at 'The Hodgeheg' story and have been making some brilliant predictions! As part of our curriculum lesson we thought about what we would like to be when we grow up.



In **Year 3**, we have all transformed into ICT whizzes! We have fully embraced our new way of learning and it has been brilliant to see everybody engaged with our live lessons. In maths, we have been learning about the value of money and how we can apply our column method to solve some complicated word problems! We have even had some children turn into shop assistants for their families! In reading, we have been LOVING our new book 'Goth Girl'. We are really curious to find out about what is hiding in 'The bathroom of Zeus' and whether Ishmael really is a magical ghost. In our Aspirations lesson, we have made posters about our character virtues and learner skills. Please look at some of our amazing work below.



In **Year 4**, we have taken to our live lessons like ducks to water, and I am so proud of every single one of you, well done! We have been rounding numbers and using this to estimate answers, as well as checking our answers using the inverse. We have been enjoying our new class reading book, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We drew some great pictures of the White Witch's gnome, using the description from the book to help us. In our Aspirations lesson we thought about the different character and learner virtues that will help us to succeed at school and in our lives in the future and how these apply to what we would like to be when we grow up.

In **Year 5**, live lessons have gone so smoothly- well done and thank you to every single one of you for following the Remote Learning Agreement carefully, you have made an incredible start to this very different term. We have been checking, approximating and estimating in maths and have moved onto fractions. We are still absolutely loving 'Who Let The Gods Out?' and have barely been able to wait for the next chapter each day! I have been blown away by the vocabulary that you have all been using in your writing about 'The Secret of Black Rock'- it is nothing short of phenomenal! Have a look at some of our Forest School artwork below. Be very proud of yourselves, Class 5 - you are remote learning heroes!



In **Year 6**, I have been incredibly proud of how seamlessly the class has adapted to working remotely from home. Consistently, children have demonstrated fantastic computing skills during our lessons as well as demonstrating a fantastic knowledge of written methods in maths. The class has also started to recall key properties of 2D shapes, including perpendicular and parallel sides, as well as identifying regular and irregular polygons. In our ASPIRE curriculum Class 6 have shared their aspirations for the future and how they will use our ASPIRE character virtues to help them achieve their goals; we have children determined to follow their dreams and become ballerinas, drummers, doctors amongst many other exciting vocations. I have been really pleased with how the class has actively engaged in our class discussions about our exciting whole class reading book, 'The Graveyard Book'. We can't wait to find out what happens to the main character, Bod, in the next chapter. Finally, here is a sample of some graffiti art from last week - well done Class 6!



Remote Learning Plans

Parents and carers you will have received your remote learning plan for next week via ParentMail today (this is also available via the [school website](#)). We have had a lot of positive feedback about the changes and so will continue with the same format. Some parents have asked us how much learning children should be doing each day and which activities. We have redesigned the remote learning plan to support parents with timetabling the day but if you need to access lessons at different times due to your individual circumstances, we are placing videos of the live lessons on Google Classroom for you to access. Your lesson link will also be displayed on Google Classroom approximately 5-10 minutes before the session is due to start.

In order for our pupils and parents to fully engage and understand our remote learning provision during lockdown and self isolation, please see the link below to the student and parent Windsor Academy Trust website, where you can access useful information and frequently asked questions. If you need any further support, please contact the office during working hours or message your class teacher on Class Dojo.

<https://sites.google.com/windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/student-and-parent-guidance/home>

Activity Club

The club will continue running Monday to Friday before school and will close after school at 4.30pm. Should parents require places for a Friday, please contact Activity Club to express an interest and if there are enough children to make it viable you will be contacted.

Pick-up reminder

If your child is attending school at the moment, please can we ask that you arrive at school no earlier than 3:10pm to collect children in EYFS & KS1 and no earlier than 3:15pm if you have KS2 children to pick-up. A reminder to please come at 3:15pm if you have children in both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 (as the siblings will be released together at this time). This will ensure we can limit numbers on site and ensure social distancing. Thank you for your support with this.

Hot dinners available

Hot meals (as well as grab bags) are available for those children needing to come into school during the current lockdown. Monday (25th January) will begin Week 1 of the Menu and children can order in school each morning as normal. Meals cost £2.40 (free for KS1) and should be paid for on or before the day they are needed (by sending in cash or cheque payable to 'Dudley MBC' in a named envelope).

Free School Meal children (income based) have been issued with vouchers, if your child attends school they must bring a lunchbox from home or, if they prefer a school lunch, payment must be made to the school kitchen. You **cannot** receive vouchers and have a free meal in school.

A message from The Blue Peter Team:

We would like to inform you that the BBC have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) at CBBC.

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and the BBC are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

To access the videos, please subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every Thursday, or on BBC iPlayer.



Additional support for families

Dudley Learning Support Service

'Supporting schools in supporting pupils'

Are you a **teacher**, **parent** or **carer** who needs some advice, support or resource suggestions for a child with SEN / learning needs during the current Covid-19 situation?



Contact us via telephone

(01384) 813733 / 812093



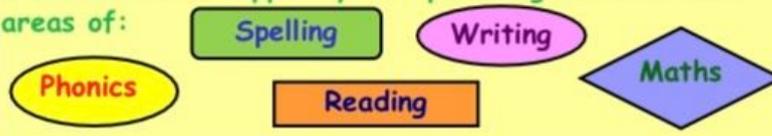
9am-4pm weekdays (Term-time only)

or email Lssenquiries@dudley.gov.uk

Dudley Learning Support Service is available to give advice or provide suggestions for:

- a range of useful and successful strategies
- how to adapt activities so that a child can more easily access them
- freely available and helpful Apps or online resources to support learning

We are able to support you in providing advice in the areas of:



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TERM DATES

2020-2021 Autumn Term Dates

Term Starts: Tuesday 1st September 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020- Friday 30th October 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Inset Days 2020- 2021

Friday 4th December 2020

Monday 7th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Monday 28th June 2021