

Our learning this week...

Manor Way Preschool

Preschool has started the year with a bang. We have been super busy settling into our routines and getting to know each other. Everyone in preschool has created their very own self-portrait, we used mirrors when learning about our hair and eye colour, this assisted us with our painting. Last week we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. The children enjoyed listening to stories and even made their own golden tickets!



In **Class R**, what a wonderful second full week we have had in Class R. The children have enjoyed starting phonics this week, we have learnt the sounds s,a,t and p. In maths the children have learnt about number 3 and 4 and how to represent them in different ways. We have started reading the story, 'What the Ladybird Heard Next' by Julia Donaldson. The boys loved the 'baddies' Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len! We have also read the story of 'The Dot' which has inspired our amazing 'dot paintings'. Well done parents and carers for making the first few weeks of our Manor Way journey so special.



In **Year 1**, we have had a fantastic start back to school and I am incredibly proud of how the children have settled and adapted to their new routines. We've had lots of fun learning about our world and the universe whilst studying the book, 'Here We Are'. We have also begun reading our class text, 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl. We have learned about adjectives and have come up with some super words to describe the Enormous Crocodile himself. In Maths we have reviewed our numbers to 10 then 20 by comparing numbers and learning how to represent them in different ways including writing them in words. We have also become experts in counting in 2s! We investigated how germs react to soap in Science and have done some fantastic frottage in Art. We have had a great time seeing our friends again and enjoying our learning.

In **Year 2**, we have had a wonderful start to the term! In our whole class reading sessions we are really enjoying reading the story, 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. In English, we are focusing on the story, 'The Way Back Home' and learning how to write effective sentences and next week, we will be writing our own version of the story. In maths, we have been learning to count, represent and partition numbers to 100. In our PSHE sessions, we have been looking at the story, 'Here We Are'.

In **Year 3**, we have had a super start to the term and I am so proud of how all the children have settled straight back into learning. In Maths, we have been revising our timetables and we are starting to learn about three digit numbers. In English, we have enjoyed writing nonsense poems. The children especially liked reading their poems out to the class! We have also had lots of fun beginning our new reading unit- based on the book 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. In Science, we have become experts in investigating and have learnt lots about materials! An excellent start to the term, Year 3- keep up the good work!

In **Year 4**, I could not be more delighted with how well the children have returned to school and settled into the new routines. We have spent time revisiting our formal methods of addition, subtraction and multiplication, as well as lots of times tables practise (the perfect way to pass the time while we are washing our hands). We have been practising our handwriting and have also started our new reading unit- based on the book 'James and the Giant Peach'. The children have really enjoyed finding out more about the themes and characters in the story. In English, we have designed our own new insect character for the story and we will be writing a non-chronological report about this. I was especially pleased with Ethan, who chose to carry on his James and the Giant Peach learning at home! Well done!

In **Year 5**, we have loved being back into the swing of learning! Everyone has settled back into school life quickly and it has been truly wonderful to see all of the children back together again. We have been revising arithmetic and statistics in maths. In English, we have been building our writing stamina back up and are incredibly excited to write our first myth based on King Midas and his Golden Touch. We are LOVING our new novel, Danny Champion of the World and can barely wait until the next day to read another chapter. We have learnt all about Roald Dahl and are really looking forward to celebrating his life and work last Monday.

In **Year 6**, it has been fantastic to see so many of our pupils working tirelessly in all of their subjects. In maths, children are quickly reminding themselves of the different strategies they can use to solve arithmetic problems. In English, it was lovely last week to learn all about Roald Dahl and some of his Gobblefunk words such as our word of the day: biffsquiggled which means to be puzzled or confused. We have also been working on our retrieval strategies when tackling reading comprehensions and started collecting vocabulary for our first piece of writing all about an ancient discovery - I can't wait to read them when they are finished. This week our pupils have also sat mock SATs so that we can see exactly where we are at and where we need to improve. I am very proud of them for trying their best on these tricky tests - well done Year 6!



Well done Sophie!

Last year Sophie won an English Heritage writing competition and one of the prizes was to take her class on a school trip. They had a fantastic time!

Another prize was to have her story illustrated by a well known artist Clive Hicks-Jenkins. This is the beautiful artwork that the artist has sent to her about her story involving her dragon.

It's Party time!



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Thursday 1st October 2020

**Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Chips
Chicken Nuggets and Chips
Fish Fingers and Chips**

These will be served in a 'take away' style box to be enjoyed at a *Classroom Picnic!*

All KS1 (Reception – Year 2) children will receive their meal free of charge as the government pay for these meals under the universal free school meal system.

KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6) children must pay for their lunch. The cost of this is £2.40. Please ensure any cheque payments are made to DMBC.

If you have not already done so, please respond via ParentMail **by Monday 12pm**- deadline extended.

Roald Dahl Day

Last week we celebrated the life and work of renowned children's author, Roald Dahl. The children took part in all sorts of Roald Dahl themed activities, including a readathon. Just a reminder that the deadline for sponsorship money is 23/10/2020, so you have plenty of time!

Super cycling Zara!

Zara had been planning to organise a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan this month, but when Coronavirus made this tricky, instead of giving up on her fundraising mission, she decided to cycle from school back to HSBC in Stourbridge (7 miles!). Zara had hoped to raise £100 but has already hit £215 which will be matched by HSBC! So in total, a whopping £430 pounds so far. Well done Zara, we are very proud of you. Here are her pictures of her triumphant ride.



Nasal Flu Immunisations

All children in Reception to Year 6 will be bringing home a Nasal Flu Immunisation form this week, along with a Flu booklet. **The form must be completed both to give consent or to deny consent.** Please can we ask that you return the form **on Wednesday** via your child's book bag so that it can be collected and quarantined alongside their reading book. Completed forms will then be returned to Vaccination UK with immunisations due to take place mid-October. Forms can also be downloaded from the Vaccination UK website (<https://schoolvaccination.uk/>).

School Lunch

A reminder that school lunches are available in the form of Grab Bags only at the moment. The children have a choice of the following fillings: ham, cheese, tuna or jam. If they are having a school lunch, children can choose their sandwich filling upon arrival at school as normal. A reminder that school lunches cost £2.40 per day (or £12 per week) and must be paid for in advance (and no later than the morning of the day the lunch is needed).

Parking

We completely understand the challenges facing parents at the start and end of the day and that because we are on an estate it can mean finding a place to park can take time. We know that the vast majority of parents plan their journey and arrive early; park nearby and walk in, or simply walk to school if they can, and we thank you for that. Unfortunately, a number of parents have been parking on yellow lines and over our neighbours' drives as well as blocking footpaths. We work hard to ensure a positive relationship with our neighbours and would like to ask you once again to be considerate with your parking and follow all signs and legal road markings. Our neighbours are permitted to report any cars who park unsafely to the local council or, if parked illegally, to the local police.

Times Tables Rockstars

Our Leaderboard has at last changed! Our Year 5 children are dominating the leaderboard this week. A big well done to everyone for your huge efforts to try and learn your tables over the summer holidays. You all rock!



Manor Way is currently in 15th position on the Schools Leaderboard

Position	KS2	Rock Speed (s)	Rock Status
1	Tyler	0.75	Rock Hero
2	Isabelle D	0.8	Rock Hero
3	Isla N	1.05	Rock Legend

Position	Teachers	Rock Speed (s)	Rock Status
1	Miss Rowe	0.75	Rock Hero
2	Miss Ahmed	0.79	Rock Hero
3	Miss Skidmore	1.45	Rock Legend

Position	EYFS/ KS1- Lifetime Coins	Class	Lifetime coins
1	Owen	1	81,097
2	Harrison	2	39,921
3	Maddison H	2	30,609

Whole School Attendance for Monday 21st - 25th September 97.87%

Reception: 100 %
Year 1: 95.35 %
Year 2: 100 %
Year 3: 96.55 %
Year 4: 98.60 %
Year 5: 96.42 %
Year 6: 98.58 %

Well done and congratulations to
Year 2 and Reception
for receiving the
'Attendance Trophy' this week.

School Admissions

Secondary applications for current Year 6 can be made from 1st September 2020 the closing date for applications is 31st October 2020.

Primary applications for those children starting Reception class in September 2021 can be made from 1st October, closing date for applications is 15th January 2021.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
1st Oct	Special Lunch Menu
19th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
1st Dec	Phonics Screening Checks
18th Dec	Break Up
4th Jan 2021	INSET DAY
21st Jan	Special Lunch Menu

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

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 4th December 2020

Monday 7th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Monday 28th June 2021