

Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and Successful Learners



School News 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Another great week of learning for children at Manor way both at school and at home. I hope you will read this newsletter and share in the children's successes.

I know how excited everyone is, both children and parents, about the news that we will all be returning on Monday March 8th. It will be so fantastic to have our Manor Way family back together again with the Activity club and sports clubs resuming. We will be sending out a letter next week to outline the guidance for the return to school and timings for staggered starts and finishes at the end of the day along with important reminders about staying safe on the site and in school. Please look out for this and check start and end times for your child and where they enter school, as they have changed.

The next news is amazing, exciting and sad at the same time. Huge congratulations go to Mrs Reece who has been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Oswald's Primary School in Kidderminster. Mrs Reece will make the most amazing headteacher and although we are very sad to see her leave, we know that there are hundreds of children and families who will be proud and excited to have Mrs Reece as their Headteacher. They are very lucky! Mrs Reece will start her new job after Easter and we will be joined by our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Fox.

Mrs Fox is an experienced teacher who will take over the role of leading teaching and learning across the school and will also be our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). Mrs Reece has organised SEN reviews next week, for children that usually have them, so that you can meet Mrs Reece and Mrs Fox together. We welcome Mrs Fox who introduces herself below.

Hello everyone!

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Deputy Headteacher at Manor Way Primary Academy. I became a teacher 15 years ago with a desire to have a positive impact on children's lives. My ambition - to provide a teaching environment where children can discover, develop and achieve their dreams. I have a wealth of experience in a primary setting, including 3 years as an assistant headteacher at a Colley Lane Primary Academy within the Windsor Academy Trust. I pride myself on having high standards and being committed to excellence.



On a personal level, I am a married mum of two - a son, aged 7 and a daughter, aged 10. I love spending time with my family, going for walks and enjoying eating out (when we can!). I also love pottering about in my garden. A busy (sometimes crazy) family life certainly gives me an understanding of the challenges and demands we all face today! I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Our learning this week...

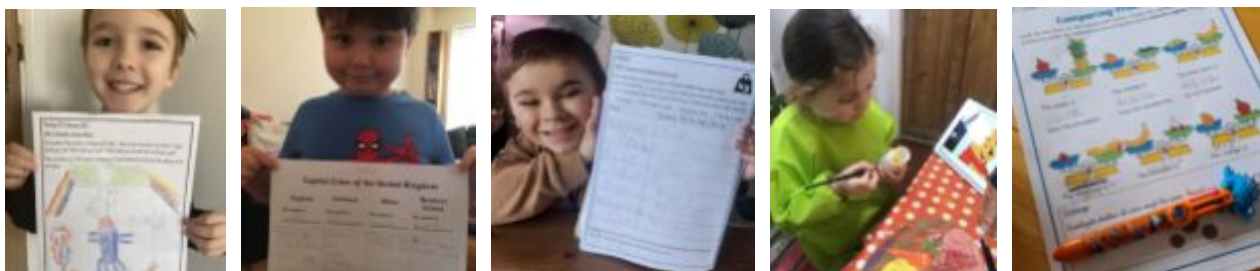
In **Preschool**, we have had another fabulous week of learning. It has been a joy seeing all the wonderful things you have been doing over the half term. For our new whole class reading book 'Whatever Next!', the children have enjoyed reading and role playing the story. We have had lots of fun making our own rockets using boxes. We have all shared fun facts about space with each other, and also we have been making our very own rockets. I am super impressed with the ones I have seen so far! So well done everybody, and keep up the great work!



In **Reception**, we have had another brilliant week of learning. In maths the children have been finding out one more and one less than a number and they have been recapping the graphemes oi, air, ure, ear and ure in phonics. For our whole class reading book 'Oi Frog' by Kes Gray, the children have been finding out fantastic facts about frogs and their lifecycle. Well done to all the children who have worked hard on science and story jar projects this week. It has been lovely to see all the remote learning you have shared on Class Dojo with us. One more week of home learning and we are looking forward to seeing you all on March 8th.



In **Year 1**, we have been learning about measures and have been using standard and non standard units to measure and compare mass and capacity. We have also been exploring the stories 'Beekle' and 'After the Fall' by author and illustrator, Dan Santat. We drew comparisons between these two stories and thought about how the characters demonstrated our ASPIRE learner skills and characteristics. In our geography unit we have enjoyed exploring the four countries of the United Kingdom. We have also begun working on our projects for Science Week and we are very excited about sharing these with each other soon.



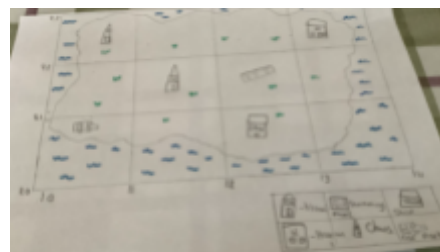
In **Year 2**, I have been really proud of the children for all their hard work both at home and school. In maths we have been learning about shapes and their properties. In reading, we have started our new text, 'Bill's New Frock' which has promoted lots of great discussion. In geography, we have been learning about the seven continents and I have been really impressed by the work that has been produced. I have also been really impressed by the science projects below! Well done Class 2 on another brilliant week!



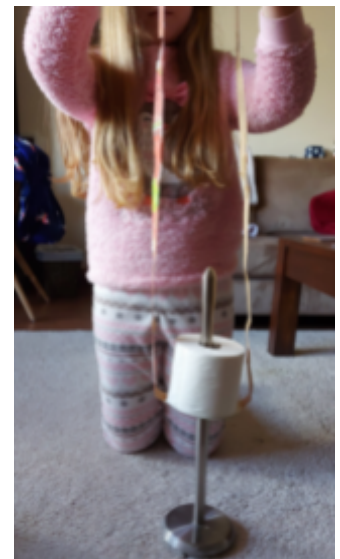
In **Year 3**, we have had yet another excellent week of live learning. We have been interpreting data from tally charts, bar charts and tables! We have created our own bar charts from collecting information about all types of different things! In reading, we have been on a virtual trip to Africa so we could learn all about the amazing animals, ready for when we start reading our new whole class reading book 'Akimbo'! In geography, we have loved learning about grid references and looking at map symbols. Some children have challenged themselves to write a grid reference for our school and the surrounding areas!



In **Year 4**, we have hit the ground running, tackling all things fractions! We have been calculating equivalents, investigating improper fractions, counting in fractions and adding and subtracting fractions! In our geography theme we have been using four figure grid references to help us locate features on a map and we also drew our own maps with eastings, northings and a key. In our reading lessons we are approaching the climax of our book, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We have been on the edge of our seats! A huge well done also goes to Lottie, who designed and built the fabulous 'Terrific Toilet Roll Pulley-O-Matic' as her science project over half term. Well done Lottie!



Amelie's map



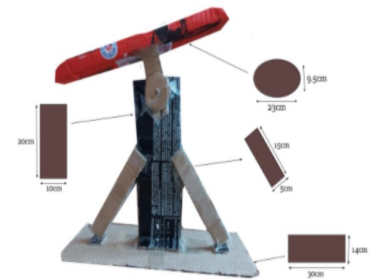
In **Year 5**, the children have had to use every ounce of their resilience to learn all about converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. The hard work made it even sweeter when we were eventually successful and we have some very satisfied mathematicians amongst us this week. In English, we have been writing advertisements all about our very own schools for wizards, pirates and even goblins! There have been some very creative ideas including Hook Fitting and Plank Walking lessons! We are also very sad to have come to the end of our class text, *Who Let the Gods Out*, but are very excited to start the next one: *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Well done for another fabulous two weeks online, Class 5! Check out the photos below from last week's art lesson.



In **Year 6**, our children have swiftly got back into the swing of things with remote learning in our Google Classroom following the half term break. In maths we have worked tirelessly on our new, challenging unit of algebra. I have been pleased with how children have been showing excellent resilience when tackling tricky equations including one or two variables- well done! In our geography theme, we have completed some superb work all about the Yanomami tribe who live deep in the Amazon Rainforest. It has been interesting finding out how this tribe survives in the rainforest and what threats they face in today's modern world. Away from our Google Classroom, I have a special well done to say to Sophie P for her fantastic Science project where she designed and made a heavy bottle pourer. Check out the photos of this fantastic project below.



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PE, well done to everyone who has been joining in with the recorded PE lessons. It was fantastic for children to join me in our first live PE lessons this week. Lessons will be delivered on the same day and time next week. EYFS & KS1 Wednesday 2.30pm and KS2 on Thursday 2.30pm. If you missed this week, join the PE classroom (please see your class story on Dojo for the class code) and the link will be shared there for you to join.

Halesowen Bid Donation

A HUGE thank you to Halesowen Bid who kindly donated 4 kindles to Manor Way just before half term! They organised and encouraged local companies to raise funds to enable children to access online learning and surprised us with the gifts. They are continuing to raise funds to provide more devices for schools and pupils in the local area. If you or your business could help them, please have a look at their [just giving page](#) and [website](#). Our reading ambassadors will be delighted!



World Book Day



World Book Day is coming up on the 4th March and, as always, we are planning to celebrate in true Manor Way style - even if remotely!

Our first challenge to you is to become a [Share A Story Reading Star](#). We are asking you to find family and friends to sponsor you in completing the challenge on World Book Day. We will share your photos of you sharing stories in bizarre places on Class Dojo throughout the day. Look out for the sponsorship form coming your way via ParentMail.



We are also inviting you to take part in our competition this year: Book in a Jar. The challenge is to pick a scene from a book and recreate it inside a jar. There will be prizes awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the most creative jars. To enter all you need to do is pay the £1 entry fee on the [Just Giving page](#) and send a photo of your jar into us on Class Dojo. Winners will be announced on World Book Day.

All the money that we raise on World Book Day will be spent on books for Whole Class Reading to ensure that every child has a copy of the book that the teacher is reading with them.

British Science Week 2021



Monday 8th March marks the beginning of British Science Week and we will be celebrating our love of Science at Manor Way with a series of home learning tasks and activities in school. The children have been set an assignment around this year's theme of 'Innovating for the Future' and have already begun their home learning projects around this theme with some excellent ideas for innovating things we no longer need to make something new. We are looking forward to sharing these innovations with each other

back at school during Science Week.

Parents have also been challenged to join in with our Science Week activities by taking photos of themselves using science at home or at work. Again, we will be sharing these with the children during Science Week to demonstrate how science is used in everyday life. Please send your photos in as soon as possible to your child's class teacher on Class Dojo so that they can be prepared ready to share during Science Week. The children will also be taking part in some activities led by the Education Officer from South Staffordshire Water where they will learn about water conservation and the water cycle. We are really looking forward to what we are sure will be a very inspiring week!

Easter Holiday Club

Easter Holiday Club with Trudy will be running from Wednesday 7th April to Friday 16th April. If you require a place or have any questions, please contact Trudy Fowkes on 07746592589 or afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

TERM DATES

2020-2021 Spring Term Dates

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

2020-2021 Summer Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Inset Days 2020- 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Monday 28th June 2021