

Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and Successful Learners



School News 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers...

We hope this finds you safe and well and managing to juggle remote learning with everything else you have to do. It is a raft of 'thank you's' from me this week...

Firstly, thank you for supporting your child's remote learning. We know it is challenging and we are hugely impressed with what you are achieving and how engaged the children are with their live lessons and activities. I can share that 98% of pupils from Nursery to Year 6 joined every live lesson last week - a phenomenal achievement and we say thank you for your incredible support. We absolutely can't do this without you playing your part at home and you are playing it superbly.

Secondly, thank you for your feedback on the parent questionnaires and we will be in touch if you have raised any areas in which we can improve. Some of the feedback was amazing and I have shared it with staff.

Finally, thank you for the treats that have been sent into school. You have made us all feel very special and it has been very much appreciated by everyone.

This is our last newsletter before half term so if you need any support, with learning, mental health, food or other areas then please get in touch and we can provide vouchers and signpost you to people that can help.

Take care and stay safe and hopefully our wonderful Manor Way family will all be back together again soon.

The 'Buffery Bonus'



Last week the Buffery Bonus was to stand on one leg, shout 'up the Villa' and balance at least 5 items on your head. Lots of you sent in photos and achieved the bonus Dojos. Well done!

Some of you were very ingenious and Chloe topped the chart with 1007 items by very cleverly having 1000 small water beads balanced within her objects. The highest scoring parent was Mrs Anees with over 1000 items including lots of tiny lego pieces. Well done both, your prizes are on their way.

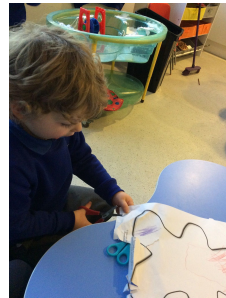
Next week the challenge is 'Who's the Mummy?'

With permission, wrap one of your parents, carer or a family member, in your bubble, with toilet roll so you can't see them! Take a photo and if you want to take another photo revealing their face then that would be great. Send them in to win 10 dojos. Who will be your mummy?

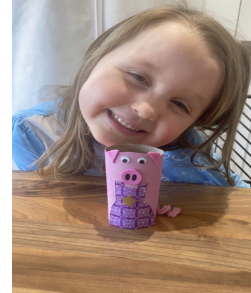


Our learning this week...

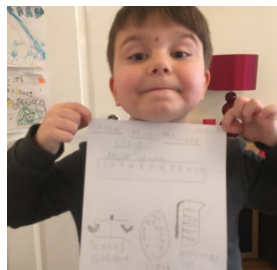
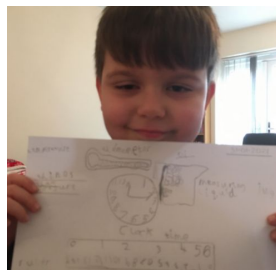
In **Preschool**, we have had lots and lots of fun this week with our new Whole Class reading story. 'The Gingerbread Man'. We enjoyed listening to the story, and creating our own story maps to assist us with re-telling the story. We have been busy using our senses to make our own gingerbread playdough. We used mathematical skills to measure the salt, flour, and ginger before we got our muscles to work kneading the dough. Our dojo challenges have also been keeping us busy and we have taken part in number scavenger hunts. A big well done for all your wonderful home learning posts and continued engagement with live lessons.



In **Reception**, we have continued our Traditional Tales learning with 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been learning about the big, bad wolf; making little pig creatures and making piggy cakes. The children have also been reading the time to the 'o'clock' in maths and adding two groups of objects using a ten frame. Well done for all the wonderful posts of your home learning and continued support with the live phonics and story lessons.



In **Year 1**, we have had fun beyond measure in maths as we have explored things we can use to measure with and units of measure. We have used rulers to measure in centimetres and made posters of the measuring tools in our homes. In English, we listened to authors sharing their own books and wrote our own versions of the book, 'Stuck,' by Oliver Jeffers. We have continued to learn about 'Where in the world am I?' in our geography lessons and have been tracking the weather in Halesowen to see how it changes. In phonics we have been exploring alternative spellings for the phoneme 'or'. Ask us which ones we can remember.



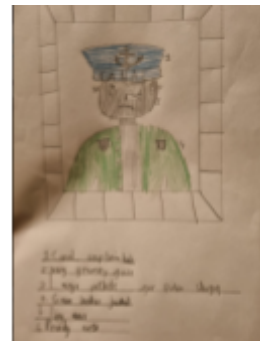
In **Year 2** this week, in whole class reading we started our new text, 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. Before reading the story, we discussed how the dark can be good and not so good. We also enjoyed reading a poem called 'The Dark' by James Carter. In maths, we have enjoyed learning about tally charts and pictograms. In English, we looked at the story of 'Cinderella' and as part of this, we wrote character descriptions, speech and compared it to Roald Dahl's version of the story.

In **Year 3**, we have been mastering our multiplication and division skills! We have been applying our number facts to solve complicated calculations such as '30x4'! In our reading lessons we have finished our whole class reading book 'Goth Girl' and it was not a disappointment! We have loved writing our own endings to the story so that Maltravers gets the punishment he deserves! In our geography lesson, we have enjoyed researching different mountains all round the UK and creating beautiful fact files to display our knowledge. We have also loved getting creative in our art and wellbeing afternoons!

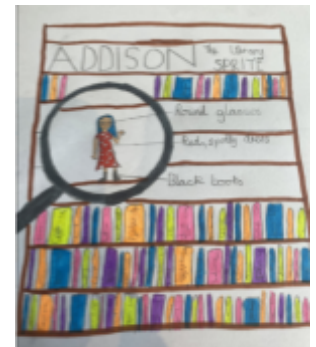


In **Year 4**, we have been learning about methods of multiplication and division, working with 3 digit numbers and finding remainders. We have been using our knowledge of multiplication to solve scaling and correspondence problems as well. In our reading lessons, we have continued with The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We are hooked! In our geography lesson, we learnt about the differences between human and physical geography. We have also been working hard on Edshed and TTRS and are making brilliant progress with both!

In **Year 5**, we have been working hard to suss short division in maths this week and by jove, I think we've got it! We have been doing lots of creative work in writing: creating our own species of Sprites and Elves to write a report about. We've had Sky Elves, Canal Eleves, Library Elves (my personal favourite) and many more. Have a look at our work below. We really challenged ourselves in geography and managed to read four and six-figure grid references! Well done Class 5, you are remote learning heroes!

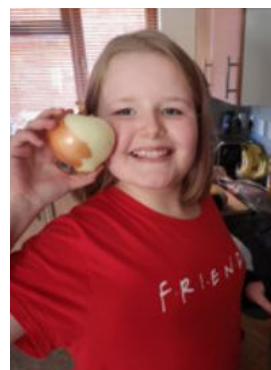


Finley's Canal Elf



Isla's Library Elf

In **Year 6**, our children have been working superbly through our tricky maths curriculum, learning all about properties of 3D shapes as well as how to solve problems involving fractions- I am so impressed with you all! For reading, we are approaching the final stages of our whole class reader (The Graveyard Book) and it has been fantastic listening to all of your predictions about what Nobody Owens (Bod) might choose to do next now he is in the land of the living. Away from our live lessons, children have been busy being creative and enjoying the outdoors. Check out Emily horse riding for PE; Ezra baking a cake for his Mum's birthday and Kara helping to cook shepherd's pie. Keep up the good work Year 6!



In **PE**, it's been fantastic to see you all keeping active and taking part in the PE lessons with me. If you have missed any the link is below and look for the correct key stage.

[Gymnastics PE lessons with Mr Davies](#)

The Fitness Frenzy results are:

EYFS winner: Ariella

Year 1 and 2 winner: Kanhaiya

Year 3 and 4 winner: Amelie

Year 5 and 6: No entries

Don't forget to keep completing your [PE bingo](#) and ticking off the activities you have completed.

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.

TERM DATES

2020-2021 Spring Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

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