

## Our learning this week...

The children have had another fabulous two weeks at Manor Way with the highlight of last week being our party lunch! We decided it wasn't a McDonalds but a McManor! The children have asked for another party lunch so we are organising one for the last day of this half term to celebrate a successful and happy half term returning to school. There is more information in the newsletter.



Thank you for your support on entering and exiting school at the start and end of the day. Could I ask you to remember to keep 2 metres distance when lining up and coming onto the playground and to exit the site and the pavements after collecting the children so we can maintain social distancing. Please walk children into school to hand them over in the morning unless they are in Year 6. The school gates now close at 9am.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

**In Preschool**, the children have been learning all about seasons. Using their senses to explore autumn objects, and their maths knowledge to add the correct number of prickles onto our class hedgehogs.

Following on from the children's interests, they have been developing their fine motor skills by using tools to save the dinosaurs from the 'frozen eggs'. Wow what a wonderful busy week we have all participated in. Well done Preschool!



In **Class R**, the children have been working really hard this week. We have been thinking about our feelings through reading the story of 'Ruby's Worry', by Tom Perceival. The children have made 'worry monsters', spoken about the different things that can make them feel worried and talked about how we can help ourselves to feel better and happy. For phonics we have learnt the sounds i, n, m, d, g, o, and c. We are learning how to segment and blend simple cvc words such as cat and dog using our 'robot arms'. Well done for another fantastic week Class R.

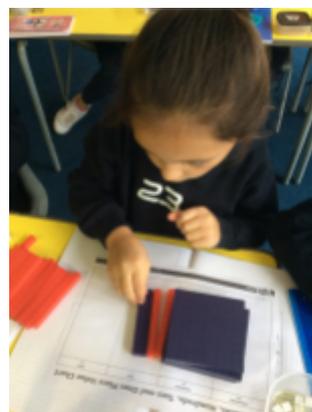


In **Year 1**, we have had a fantastic week continuing our whole class reading about The Enormous Crocodile. The children have really enjoyed exploring the crocodile's tricks and Roald Dahl's use of language. Ask them to share a 'run' with you. In maths we have been learning addition and subtraction facts within 10 so that we can begin to instantly recall these facts. (10+0, 9+1, 8+2, 7+3 etc.). We have been reading Bible stories in RE and this week we learned about 'The Lost Sheep'. I have been incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked on learning to count in 2s. We are now counting in 2s experts! Well done for another wonderful week, my 'Wonderful Ones!'

In **Year 2**, I am so proud of all of the children's hard work especially with their handwriting! In English, we have started our new text, 'Stardust' and as part of our lessons, we have learnt how to use alliteration, apostrophes, hyphens and lots more. In maths, we have been learning to compare and order numbers as well as count in 2s, 5s and 10s to 100. In science, we have been learning about materials and their properties.



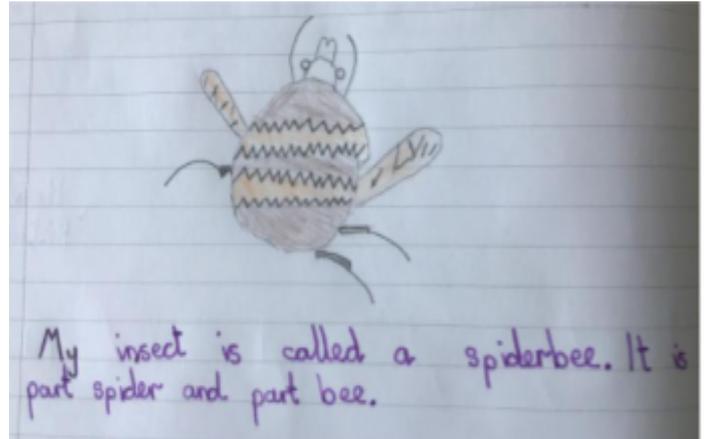
In **Year 3**, we are beginning to look at story writing and how we can use pictures to write creatively. In maths, we have been working very hard at understanding place value. We are also becoming experts at our three times tables! We have really enjoyed starting our 'Local History' theme and we have shocked Miss Wall about how much we know about Halesowen already! In Art, we have enjoyed painting colour wheels and designing our very own Mandala patterns!



In **Year 4**, we have been completing the non-chronological reports that we have been writing about our own made-up insect character for the story of James and the Giant Peach. We have been working with 4 digit numbers in maths, ordering and comparing them. We have really enjoyed the start to our Stone Age to Iron Age theme and have been finding out about chronology and the use of BC and AD to help order events in time. We really enjoyed creating our own piece of Stone Age artwork in our art lessons with Mrs Hutchinson.

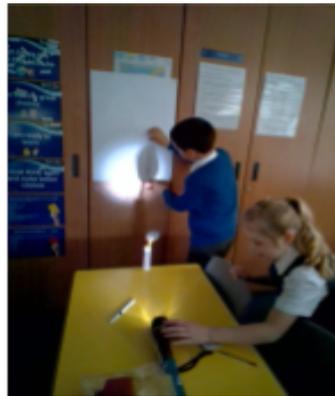
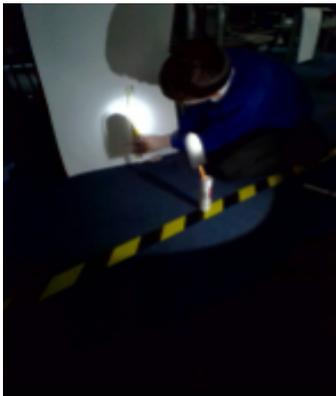


Siena invented a fabulous new insect character to write about.



Maisie's insect was called a spiderbee.

In **Year 5**, we have been busy writing our own Greek myths based on King Midas and the Golden Touch. Miss Rowe has been blown away by our enthusiasm for writing and anything Ancient Greece. We are finding it very challenging to put down our novel, Danny the Champion of the World. Please ask us about anything to do with pheasant poaching! We are experts. We have been fascinated by square and cube numbers in maths and have been building these with cubes and arrays.



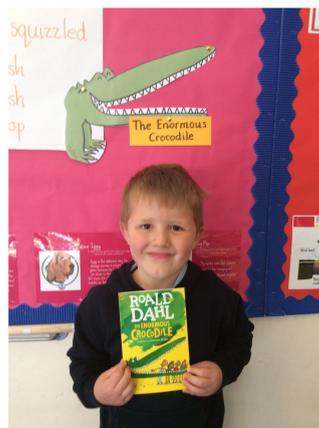
In science, we have been investigating how the size of a shadow changes when it is moved further from or closer to a light source.

In **Year 6**, we have started work on our new theme all about the Ancient Egyptians. I have been really impressed with how our pupils have already identified key events on a timeline and researched all about the various different pharaohs including Tutankhamun and Ramesses II. In English, our children have used their improving knowledge of the Egyptians to write a fantastic story all about how they supported Howard Carter in making an amazing ancient discovery of a hidden tomb. There has also been some superb work in PE and art this week as well as children developing their understanding of common factors and multiples in maths. Well done Year 6!

## Roald Dahl Day

A reminder that the deadline for Readathon Sponsorship money is **Friday 23rd October**, so you still have plenty of time. A huge well done to the children who have handed in their sponsorship money so far:

Well done to Zara G, Lacey H, Lilia D, Isla-Grace N, Sabira B, Ethan M, William P, Imogen F, Ethan O, Esther J, Jessica O, Kabir M, Holly F, Sophie P and Lottie P



## Zara's Macmillan Fundraising!

When Zara's plans to host a Macmillan coffee morning were thwarted by Coronavirus restrictions she set out to raise money anyway with a sponsored cycle- supported by HSBC Stourbridge... but she didn't stop there. Zara finished off her fundraising with a cookie sale in her street, bringing her total raised to a fantastic £1015.48!! Well done Zara, we are hugely proud of the commitment you've shown and all you have achieved!



## Music Mark

We are delighted to once more have been awarded the Music Mark for 2020-2021. This is an award that we are nominated to receive by our local Music Hub, Dudley Performing Arts, and it recognises the value that our school places on the provision of music opportunities and learning for our children.



## Operation Park Safe

This week Dudley Council have introduced a new initiative, 'Operation Park Safe', to help make roads around schools safer places for all. The initiative asks parents, teachers and residents to be the 'eyes and ears' of the police, who will review any evidence of unsafe or inconsiderate parking which has been sent in to them. The police will review the photographs and evidence and will take action accordingly. This action may be in the form of fixed penalty notices or court action.

As you are aware, we regularly remind our parents to park safely and considerately and do receive communications from our neighbours regarding parking issues. These concerns have escalated recently as neighbours have made us aware that cars are parking over their drives and up on the pavement so that wheelchairs, pushchairs and pedestrians can't pass along the pavement.

We have bought signs and cones to help reduce parking on pavements and support our neighbours. The scheme is aimed at reducing the risks on the roads around our school. Please park safely and considerately otherwise you may receive a fine if a member of the public takes a photograph and sends it to the police. To read more on Operation Park Safe please follow this [link](#).

## 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). Please look out for the ParentMail sent out this week regarding an end of term 'Celebratory Lunch' on 23rd October!

## Ollie has been scouted!

Ollie played out of his socks at football last week and was spotted by a football scout for West Bromwich Albion. He has been asked to go for trials at the Baggies Academy. Well done Ollie, you are a superstar and we are very proud of you. Good luck at the Academy.



## Apple iPad Initiative Year 4

Year 4 parents have joined sessions to:

- learn how iPads will be used as part of our Windsor Academy Trust curriculum to maximise teaching, learning, achievement and personal development
- understand the success and impact of iPads for learning
- gain practical information about finance, insurance, e-safety and the supply of iPads.

We know that at Manor Way these iPads will accelerate pupil's learning and prepare them for the future. We have invested in an improved IT structure and Apple TV's and know that with children joining this initiative we will be able to make learning even more exciting and access new technology, apps and teaching approaches. We really are very excited about what we can achieve with this iPads for Learning initiative. Thank you to those parents that have signed up on the portal.

The project is going ahead and we are waiting for some videos of pupils in the classroom using their iPads to give you a sense of what it looks like. As you know we have also had confirmation that pupils can have their own apps and games on them during the holidays.

Miss Buffery is available every day on the gate to talk through any questions or queries. Alternatively, message Miss Buffery on Class Dojo or email us at school.

## Celebrating Birthdays at School

We know that often parents and carers send in birthday cakes or treats for the class on their child's birthday- and this is a wonderful tradition which we love.... However, as we must quarantine anything that comes in from home, as well as always aiming to minimise contact within bubbles as much as possible, we are very sad to have to ask you not to send these things in for birthdays for the time being, please. We very much look forward to the time that this can be reintroduced at school. Please rest assured that we will still enjoy celebrating your child's birthday with them and their class!

## Parents' Evening

In-keeping with the theme of the year, we will be doing things a little differently for Parents' Evening this term. We feel the opportunity to discuss your child's learning is as beneficial as ever, and so we will be conducting Parents' Evening virtually, in the form of a Google Hangout with your child's teacher.

Please sign up to your time slot on Parents' Evening through ParentMail as you normally would, and closer to the date you will receive an email with your Google Hangout link. Parents' Evening slots are available **on 20th and 22nd October**.

At your allotted time click to join the meeting. It may be worth clicking on the link when it arrives to ensure that you are able to access it, should you have any problems please contact the school office.

To help the Virtual Parents' Evenings to run smoothly and safely, there are guidelines below

1. Please be on time for the call.
2. Teachers will share how children have settled back into school and their recent assessments in maths and reading as well as their reading ages and attendance.
3. All appointments will last for 10mins, if there are any other things to discuss or urgent issues please contact your child's teacher beforehand via Class Dojo.
4. Please ensure that you are in a quiet place to take the call.

Children can be part of the conversation if they would like to be.

We will send home the childrens' NTS assessments, in reading and maths, the following day. Year 6 will receive the childrens' practice Sat's papers. If you have any questions or queries please contact us via email to [information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

## Nasal Flu Immunisations

Parents of children from Reception to Year 6 should have received a Nasal Flu Immunisation form sent home in bookbags two weeks ago. Thank you to the many parents who have already completed and returned these forms. Please note that **the form must be completed both to give consent or to deny consent**. Please can we ask that you return the form **by Tuesday (13th)** via your child's bookbag so that it can be collected and quarantined before being given to the team at Vaccination UK. If your child's Flu form has not made it home, please contact the school office via [information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) or Class Dojo and a new form can be sent home with your child on Monday. Alternatively, forms can also be downloaded from the Vaccination UK website (<https://schoolvaccination.uk/>). Please note Tuesday 13th is the very final deadline for these forms.

## 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.

## Times Tables Rockstars

Next week will see the relaunch of our maths awards. If the children achieve Rock Star Status, they will be praised and receive a sticker. Silver and gold badges are awarded for Rock Legend and rock hero status. If children learn all of their year group's times tables, they will receive a customised silver pencil and a gold one if they know all of their tables up to their 12s.



**Manor Way is currently in 17th position on the Schools Leaderboard. Come on Manor Way, keep rocking!**

Position	KS2	Rock Speed (s)	Rock Status
1	Tyler	0.75	Rock Hero
2	Isabelle D	0.79	Rock Hero
3	Isla N	1.13	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	1.85	Rock Legend

Position	EYFS/ KS1- Lifetime Coins	Class	Lifetime coins
1	Owen	1	81,097
2	Harrison	2	40,432
3	Lewis	2	32,088

Whole School Attendance from 28th September - 9th October 96.56%		
Reception	100%	 <p>Well done and congratulations to Reception for receiving the 'Attendance Trophy' this week</p>
Year 1	93.87%	
Year 2	97.73%	
Year 3	95.25%	
Year 4	96.72%	
Year 5	93.38%	
Year 6	98.58%	

# Starting primary school in September 2021

## Why not apply for a place online?

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they will be due to start primary school in September 2021.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at [www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions) or by completing an application form from your home local authority by **15 JANUARY 2021**. You can include five school preferences on the application; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference. Applications will be available from **1 October 2020**.

### Benefits of applying online

- E-mail decision received after 2pm on day of offer
- It's quick and easy to use
- You can apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- There's no risk that your application will be lost in the post
- You will get email confirmation that your application has been received
- It's safe and secure

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 October 2020 until the closing date for applications on **15 January 2021**.

**Please note:** Even if your child already attends a school nursery or has an older sibling at school, do not assume that your child will automatically gain a place at that school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

For further information please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on **0300 555 2345**.



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## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
13th Oct	Nasal Flu Immunisation form <b>final deadline</b>
14th Oct	Deadline for Celebration Lunch money to be handed in (£2.40) Year 3 Dodgeball Year 4 Football
15th Oct	Year 2 Sports Club Year 6 Football
16th Oct	Year 1 Sports Club

	Year 5 Football Last Day to sign up for iPads (Year 4)
<b>19th Oct</b>	Nasal Flu Immunisations
<b>20th Oct</b>	Virtual Parents' Evening
<b>21st Oct</b>	Year 3 Dodgeball Year 4 Football
<b>22nd Oct</b>	Year 2 Sports Club Year 6 Football Virtual Parents' Evening
<b>23rd Oct</b>	Year 1 Sports Club Year 5 Football
<b>23rd Oct</b>	<b>Break Up</b> End of Term Celebratory Lunch
<b>2nd Nov</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
<b>1st Dec</b>	Phonics Screening Checks
<b>18th Dec</b>	Break up from pm (staggered times to follow)
<b>4th Jan 2021</b>	INSET DAY
<b>21st Jan</b>	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