



The Manor CE Primary School

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Newsletter 5

20th November 2020

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th November – Virtual Parent consultations (more details next week)
- Friday 27th November – Homework and Reading Diaries brought to school please
- Wednesday 16th December – All children watching a nationwide virtual pantomime (kindly funded by FOMS)
- Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
- Friday 18th December Term 2 ends
- Monday 4th January –Inset (no children in school)
- Tuesday 5th January – Start of Term 2 for children

It has been lovely to have our Year 2 children back in school this week after the closure of their bubble – it was wonderful to see them so happy to be back - we really did miss them! Virtual parent/carer consultations are taking place next week – if you have not yet confirmed that you are attending please do email the class email address to let the class teacher know if you can attend. Teachers are really looking forward to seeing you, albeit virtually, and discussing your children's learning and well-being in school.

Best wishes,

Amanda Flanagan

Door Step Food Bank

We were excited to launch our Door Step Foodbank this week – this has already been used by a number of members of the community who need extra help during these difficult times and we have received a huge amount of donations from parents and the wider community. The food bank will be outside the front entrance daily 7.00am-6.00pm – please do take something if you need to. If you are in a position to donate something please do! If you are in need but would prefer us to put a food parcel together for you and pass this to you discretely please let me, or any staff member know and we can arrange this with complete discretion.

This food bank is for all members of our community to us – please do let anyone who may need know about it and let anyone know who may be able to donate to it. (We are currently having a more substantial, waterproof structure built to house the food bank –so that it can be located on the path just outside the front gates in all weathers.)



Door Step Food Bank



Let's Share Our Food!

Donate what you can – take what you need



Antarctica Class



This week Antarctica Class have been learning all about their friend Lilliana who has been Special Person of the Week. Every child will get a chance to take on this role and it is a lovely way for us all to get to know each other a little bit more. A show and tell bag will come home on a Thursday for your child to fill and return the next day. We will then invite your child to show and tell their special things during the following week.

We have been busy working on our ball skills, are getting super quick at recalling what 'one less than' is and have been creating some lovely hedgehog pictures using leaf prints.

Australia Class



We have had a fantastic week in Australia class. The children have been working really hard to complete their non-fiction text about the seasons. We have been so proud of the effort every child has put in to their work. They will all finish this writing unit with a piece of writing to be very proud of. We also had great fun in Forest School this week, building homes for the local wildlife and making toast on the campfire! Thank you to everyone who has replied to confirm the parents evening appointment next week. If you have not received your appointment details then please let me know. Just a quick reminder that we will be taking in Reading Records and Home Learning books next Friday (27th Nov). We can't wait to see all of the fabulous reading and learning that has been going on at home this term.

Africa Class



It has been wonderful having Year 2 back in school this week and continuing with our normal learning and routines. We have been so proud with how they all managed the bubble closure and thoroughly enjoyed our daily Team meetings in addition to seeing their fantastic work online. Since Wednesday, we have further developed our knowledge of Florence Nightingale as well as learning about Physical Geography of the UK. We have explored how to be a good friend as part of anti-bullying week and the children loved developing their team work in Forest School by taking part in some den building! Don't forget to keep reading daily at home!

South America



It's been another great week in Year 6. This week we have been practising calculating with fractions, beginning a new writing unit around the 'Saviour of Xyandell' story, been sculpting and looking at bullying as part of anti-bullying week. The children have produced some amazing sculptures inspired by the work of Augusta Savage and our role models. We began by practising our techniques on home-made salt dough and then moved on to our clay pieces. They required a lot of perseverance but have turned out brilliantly!

We looked at what we can do to be 'united against bullying' and attempted to imagine how it would feel to be bullied. This resulted in some fantastic mature and emotive poetry. A week of work to be proud of! I would like to remind all children to continue reading at home regularly as this helps children develop not only their reading skills but has a huge impact on the quality of their writing and vocabulary development. We are asking for a minimum of five times a week please.

Asia Class

This week Year 4 have been investigating the average temperature in Canada and New York City. We even plotted line graphs to show this data! Did you know Canada drops below freezing point in January and February?

There must be a snow theme in our class as our writing topic also involves the snowy setting of Narnia. We have been innovating our own problem part of our Quest Tale. Our poor main characters are facing blizzards, avalanches and dark, mysterious caves on their journey to the White Witch!

This week Year 4 have also been able to celebrate our Learning Champion... Finley! He is a constant role model in Asia Class and a real supporter to all his friends. Well done Fin!

North America

Year 5 have had a great week! We have been multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers by using the grid method then moving on to the formal column method. Times tables knowledge is so important for this. In English, we have been innovating 'A Christmas Carol' and planning our own rebirth story ready for next week's writing. We have also been studying the sculptor Augusta Savage and used her as inspiration for our own clay sculptures. Keep an eye out on the school's Facebook page for the results. Please keep practising KIRFs and reading 5 times a week. It all makes a huge difference.

Europe Class

Year 3 have had a great week learning all about deforestation. We have created posters to present our learning on deforestation and thought about what we could do to prevent it. Can I please remind you to ensure your child is coming to school with a coat as it is getting very cold. I am looking forward to seeing everyone's home learning books next Friday.

Homework Books

Please can all homework books and reading diaries be brought into school next Friday, 27th November. They will be returned after being quarantined and reviewed by class teachers. We can't wait to see what you've been learning at home!

Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars

I have been monitoring the use of Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars across the school and have noticed that they have not been used by many families since we returned to school in September. Therefore, we have decided not to continue with our school subscription when it expires within the next month.

However, we still recognise the huge importance of children knowing mathematical facts and being able to recall them quickly and the impact this can have on both their achievement and confidence in Maths. We are asking children to continue to practise their KIRFs (as detailed in their home learning books) but would encourage a range of different approaches to this. Little and often is always best and this can be done verbally, through games and online using ICT games such as Hit The Button.

If you are unsure how to support your child with this at home and would like some advice, please contact your child's teacher or email me via the school email address and I can contact you to discuss this.

Mrs Sweet - Maths Lead

Social Distancing Reminder

Please can we remind parents to maintain social distancing whilst on the playground. Please ensure drop off and collections are as swift as possible to allow space for other parents. We also encourage parents and carers to wear a mask whilst on the school site.



Children in Need



Thank you so much for your generous donations. We have raised £173.52 for Children in need.



WINTER ART AND WRITING COMPETITION



4-6 years olds

- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a poem or short story of no more than 150 words.

7-10 years olds

- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a short story of no more than 500 words.

11-14 years olds

- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a short story of no more than 500 words.



How to enter:

Email your entries to cu@uwe.ac.uk – be sure we can see it clearly.

The deadline for entries is Sunday 13th December 2020 at 8pm.

Children's University members will be able to earn Learning Credits for their submission. You do not have to be a member of Children's University to submit an entry.

There will be a winner from each category, chosen by UWE Bristol Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries & Education staff.

The winners will receive a £20 book token & be announced on our Twitter pages & UWE Bristol social media channels (with permission).

The winning entries will be published in our next Children's University Newsletter & on our Twitter Page [@BSGChildrensUni](https://twitter.com/BSGChildrensUni)

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