



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 2 Term 3 2023/24

Welcome back everyone! We all hope you enjoyed your winter break with friends and family and are now ready and raring to start the new term (and year!) back at school. We have planned a range of exciting learning opportunities and know that this term will be another fantastic one at The Manor.

This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering up until the February half term break. If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team in the morning or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day. If you think your conversation will require more time, please arrange a meeting with the teacher via the class email account.

As always, please email the main school account – [manorprimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:manorprimary@sgmail.org.uk) for any urgent matters or issues relating to attendance, school dinners, FOMS events etc. The class email is not read throughout the day as teachers are teaching and managing the class.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack. We would also like to reiterate that as your child is in KS1, they receive a healthy snack provided by school. We therefore ask that all children in KS1 (Year R – 2) **do not** bring in an additional snack. We also ask that no sweets, such as Haribo, are brought in at all. Thank you.

We ask that children come to school in their full school uniform. Please refer to our school website for further information on this - <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/school-uniform>. Please also note our expectations on P.E kits – we have a supply of spare tops and jogging bottoms to lend to children if they are unable to wear the correct kit to school.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

## English

In English this term we will be inspired by the fantastic book – Winter's Child by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith.



We will be focusing on including descriptive language and ensuring that our sentences are accurate and punctuated correctly. We will also continue to focus on our handwriting to allow our great ideas to be read easily.

## Reading

At the end of this newsletter, we have attached some question prompts you might want to use when you read with your child. If you have any questions about how to support your child at home please speak with your class teacher at the end of a school day.



## Maths

In Maths this term we will be revisiting our understanding of addition and subtraction and applying this to calculating with money. We will then move onto Multiplication and Division and look at these operations in more detail. We will practise our times tables (2x, 5x and 10x) and learn how we can calculate with multiplication facts that we have not yet learned. This will be helped greatly by more Times Tables Rock Stars practise – so please keep focusing on this at home.



If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

## Topic Subjects

Our Foundation Subject Topic this term is 'Extreme Earth' We will be learning all about the world and how it can be split up into continents and countries. We will also be learning about the Equator and hemispheres. We will then be finding out why Robert Falcon Scott is famous and learn about his exploration. Finally, in our Science learning, we will be learning about habitats and what make some animals able to survive in the habitats they live in.

Please find below some of the key facts that your child will learn. We will use these facts in our quick recall quizzes and we will be referring back to them over the term. Ask your child about these questions at home to help them remember the knowledge!

- The 7 continents of the world are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia.
- The 5 oceans of the world are Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic.
- Robert Falcon Scott led two expeditions to the Antarctic. He wanted to be the first man to reach the South Pole. Unfortunately, his whole team died before they could return home.

- Habitats are natural homes for animals. Animals are suited to the habitat that they live in.
- Living things move, grow and make copies of themselves



Your child will be taking part in P.E on **Wednesday**. We ask that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing a gold P.E top and black shorts or black jogging bottoms and white/black trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please.

They will also be taking part in Forest School on **Monday**. Forest school kit should be sent into school for the first session on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and will remain in school for the whole term (In the event it gets particularly wet/dirty, we will send it home to be dried for the following session).



### Home learning Expectations

**Home Reading** – We ask that your child reads at least 5 times a week at home. Please prioritise this as this is proven to be the most impactful for children and their learning in school.

**Maths** –Times Table Rock Stars practise – a total of at least 20 minutes on 'Garage mode'.

**Spellings** – Please practise the weekly spellings at home to support the learning in school - around 15 minutes in total.

Please ensure you record evidence of your home learning in your home learning books so that you receive your 'Home Learning Hero' time!



We are excited to invite you to join us in our mission to foster a love for reading among our young learners at The Manor.

Reading is a fundamental skill that lays the foundation for a lifetime of learning. We are seeking parent/carer volunteers who can spare some time to read with our children. Your support and enthusiasm can make a significant difference in their reading journey. If you can spare an hour or so a week to read with our brilliant readers, please contact the class teacher. Thank you!



Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day.

Also please make sure that their belongings including school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are all clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

	<p>Un-named uniform will be taken to the main entrance and put into lost property to be collected.</p> <p>As we move into the winter months, please ensure your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothing. This may include a thicker winter coat and gloves.</p> <p>We ask children not to bring toys or items from home into school unless invited to do so by their class teacher.</p>
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**Year 2 Term 3 Key dates:**

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Forest School starts
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – Jewish Synagogue trip
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Last day of term

## Question Prompts to use when reading with your child



### The Book Introduction

Relate the story to the children's own experience (fiction)

Tap into the children's prior knowledge of the subject (non-fiction)

Very brief overview of the story without revealing too much

Look at front cover and encourage prediction - Who? Where? What?

Look at back cover and blurb

Look at illustrations

### Recall Questions

Where does the story take place?

When did the story take place?

What did he/she look like?

Who was he/she?

Where did he/she live?

Who are the characters in the book?

Where in the book would you find ...?



### Simple Comprehension Questions

What do you think is happening here?

What happened in the story?

What might this mean?

Through whose eyes is the story told?

Which part of the story best describes the setting?

What words and/or phrases do this?

What part of the story do you like best?

