



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Term 2 2023/24

Hello everyone! We would like to say well done to all of our children for making such a fantastic start to the new school year. They have settled back into school life brilliantly and have made excellent progress in their learning – we couldn't be more proud of them! This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering up until the Christmas break. If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day. Alternatively, you can email the class teacher using the class email address – AsiaClass@gmail.org.uk

A few reminders before we kick off the new term.

- 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>
- 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 we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all. Thank you.

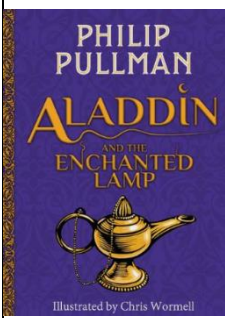
English

In English this term we will be looking at Phillip Pulman's Aladdin. We will be focussing on writing complex sentences that are punctuated correctly and gaining a good understanding of independent and dependent clauses. Later in the term, we will be exploring report writing through information leaflet's about the Amazon River.



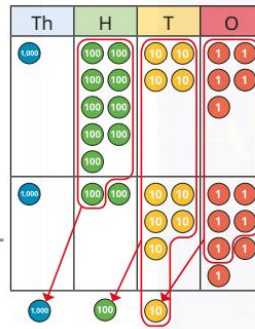
Maths

In Maths this term we will develop our understanding of formal addition and subtraction. We will be learning how to exchange multiple times within one calculation. We will also be looking at effective ways to estimate answers, recapping our rounding knowledge and even introducing area towards the end of the term.



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.



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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 'River deep, Mountain high.' We will be learning all about the parts of rivers, how they occur and how they are used for leisure purposes. We will be focussing on these 5 rivers: Amazon, Nile, Frome, Thames and Yellow. We will also be exploring mountain ranges across the world, looking at terrain types and how they are formed.

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!

Geography – Rivers





- A river is a path that flows downhill towards the ocean.
- The start of the river is called the source
- The end of the river is called the mouth.
- Rivers and streams will join together before they reach the mouth, these are called tributaries.
- The longest river in the world is the Nile, located in Africa, Egypt.

Mountains

- Mountains form when two continental plates collide.
- Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world, measuring 8,849m.



Your child will be taking part in swimming lessons on Wednesdays and P.E. on Thursdays. 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

	<p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Home learning Expectations</p> <p>Home Reading – We kindly 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.</p> <p>Maths –Times Table Rock Stars practise (Years 2 to 6) – a total of at least 20 minutes on ‘Garage mode’.</p> <p>Spellings – Please practise the weekly spellings at home to support the learning in school (Years 1-6) - around 15 minutes in total.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">Please ensure you record evidence of your home learning in your home learning books so that you receive your ‘Home Learning Hero’ time!</p>
	<p>We also ask that you read at least 5 times a week to develop your comprehension and fluency. In the coming weeks, we will be giving out login details for children to use on ‘Purple Mash’. This is an online platform for those children who wish to practise their English and Maths even more at home! 😊</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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!</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day.</p> <p>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. 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>

Year 4 Term 2 Key dates:

14th Nov – River workshop (in school visitor)

20th Nov – Local river walk (AM)

22nd/23rd Nov – Parents evening

30th Nov – Christmas craft morning

12th Dec – Pantomime

13th Dec – School Christmas dinner

14th Dec – Christmas carol concert

Question Prompts to use when reading with your child



The Book Introduction

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

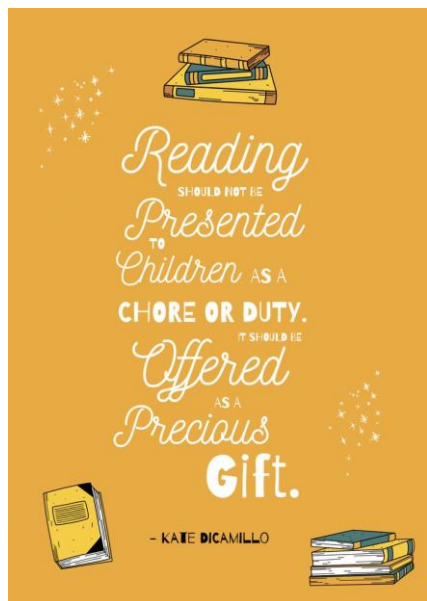
Tap into the children's prior knowledge of the subject (non-fiction)

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?



Investigative Questions

What makes you think that?

What words give you that impression?

How do you feel about...?

Can you explain why ...?

I wonder what the writer intended?

I wonder why the writer decided to...?

What do these words mean and why do you think the author chose them?

Has the author used adjectives to make this character funny?

Why did the author choose this setting?

