



The Manor CE Primary School

Aspire, Believe, Achieve

Newsletter 15

23rd April 2021

Dates for the Diary

21st April – Year 6 Bikeability begins

28th April – Class photographs

30th April – Inset day (school closed)

3rd May – Bank holiday (school closed)

24th May – Spirituality Day 2

28th May – Term 5 ends

7th June – Term 6 begins

5th July – Inset day (school closed)

12th July – Spirituality Day 3

21st July – Term 6 ends

We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break at home with their families, however, it's been so wonderful to welcome our children back into school to kick off Term 5. We've been so lucky with the weather this past week and as we enter the warmer months, I've no doubt that our children will enjoy spending lots of time in our fantastic outside environment with their friends. All of the children have returned to school brilliantly, displaying the whole collection of Gem Powers in class and at playtimes. They have made a superb start to their learning and we are so proud of each and every one. Class teachers and Teaching Assistants have been busy planning another exciting term of learning and I'm sure there will be lots to celebrate as we move through the weeks.

Best wishes

Mrs Flanagan

Parent Pay

Thank you for remembering to book your child's meal or home packed lunch each day. It greatly helps the kitchen and saves us having to disrupt the class to check each child has a lunch. Can we also please remind you to book, in advance, your child's place at either Breakfast Club or After School Club via Parent Pay. If you need to book a space and have missed the previous Friday deadline, please contact the school either by phone or email. We would appreciate 24 hrs notice if you wish to cancel a place.

School Photos

The school photographer will be in next Wednesday 28 April to take class photographs. Please can all children wear school uniform to school – if this is their normal day for PE please bring their PE kit to school to change into after their class photograph has been taken

PE Kits

As you know, as part of our COVID risk assessment children wear their PE kit into school on the days they have PE. An added benefit of this is that children have longer time to actually do their PE as no time is taken getting changed into and out of PE kits. Moving forward, we would like to continue with this arrangement, but we do ask that children do wear correct PE kit to school:

Black or grey shorts or jogging bottoms, a coloured T-shirt representing house colour and a school jumper/cardigan.

There is a small number of children who are not following this on PE days and wearing increasingly 'non-uniform' outfits. Rather than stop the new arrangement that is working for the vast majority of children, class teachers will be informing those children who repeatedly do not wear the correct uniform to school on PE days that they will need to wear their normal school uniform to school and change at the start of their PE lesson.

Thank you for your understanding.

Asia Class

Asia class have settled back beautifully after enjoying the Easter Break. This week they have been explorers, travelling far and wide across the globe. We have immersed ourselves into the Amazon Rainforest, looking at venomous animals in order to protect chocolate from going extinct in our English lessons which are inspired by 'The Great Chocoplot' this term. Whereas in Topic, we have been using Atlases and computer mapping systems to explore the Physical and Human geography features of China - ask them about Mount Everest and The Great Wall of China - they will have loads of facts to share!

South America Class

What a lovely week it has been in Year 6. The children all came back to school with enthusiasm and have worked hard this week. We have started a new English unit inspired by the fantastic book - The Journey, we had a fab cricket session on Tuesday and then most of the class took part in their first bikeability session on Wednesday, which they really enjoyed. Just a quick reminder that reading records need to be in school every day please and we have been encouraging children to return to reading regularly if they have not already. It has such a huge impact on their understanding of texts, their writing and their knowledge of the wider world - please contact me if you need ideas for books your child might be interested in or ways to support them with their reading.



North America Class

Year 5 have had a great week to start off the term. The children thoroughly enjoyed our Cricket session and playing Tag Rugby during PE. Our new topic is Darwin's discoveries and we had great fun sorting out a time line of historical events. We are looking forward to the rest of term.



Antartica Class

Antarctica Class started the new term with a focus on minibeasts and have been busy making their own creations from playdough. They then went on a minibeast hunt in Forest School and worked with a partner to see if they could see all the bugs on the list.



Because our Value this term is Friendship, they were given the challenge to work with a completely new friend on this activity. Names were taken out of the name pot randomly and Mrs Kelly could not believe how amazing they were with this challenge. They worked together so well and showed lots of Amethyst power by taking turns to tick off the bugs. On top of that we have been writing, subtracting and learning how to hop scotch in PE, what a busy week!

Australia Class

What a busy first week! We have hit the ground running in Year 1 and have already started our new text in English, Wombat goes Walkabout. After finding out all about Australian animals at the beginning for the week, the children have now started to re-write the story. In Maths, we have been practising counting in 5's and writing numbers in words. The children created their own counting in 5's resource on Monday by using their own hand prints to skip count and they have been using it throughout the week to support their learning. We were lucky enough to have beautiful weather this week when we went into Forest School. We even cooked scotch pancakes over the campfire! Finally, during our PE lessons this term we will be focussing on athletics. We kicked off the first lesson by learning how to use our bodies to run faster and we competed in relay races.



Asia Class

Year 2 have had an extremely exciting first week back and we have been very impressed with how all of the children have settled back into the school routine. The children have enjoyed starting our new topic on William Shakespeare and have begun their addition and subtraction unit with confidence. The highlight of the week was definitely exploring the sounds, sights and tastes of a bakery with our very own cake tasting session on Wednesday morning. After sampling doughnuts, pastries and a mix of other treats, they were certainly full of descriptive language - ready to apply in their writing.



Inset Day

Reminder school is closed on 30th April for an Inset Day

Enjoy the long weekend!

Our value of the term is FRIENDSHIP

The new Friendship flag, designed by Evie in Year 5 is flying from the flag pole and clearly demonstrates this value

“Encourage one another and build each other up.”

1Thessalonians 5.11

Prayer from Rev. Colin Lunt

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of friendship. Give us such a gift, that we may know your blessing and be a blessing to others. Amen.