



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Term 5

Welcome to Term 5 everyone! We look forward to a brilliant first summer term with you all. 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 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 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 healthy 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. 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 looking at the book 'Float.'

This term we will be focussing on using commas after reporting clauses in speech.



We will then move onto writing a non-fiction set of instructions on how to build an electrical circuit as part of our 'It's Electrifying!' topic.

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 develop our understanding of decimals, money and time.

We will be looking tenths and hundredths, the importance of their place value and how divide single and two-digit numbers by 10 and 100.

We will then be progressing on to looking at money and the role of a decimal place within amounts.

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 'It's Electrifying!' We will be learning all about electricity and how we use electricity in our lives. We will be experimenting with building our own circuits including using buzzers, lights and switches. We will also be looking at insulators and conductors and the properties of these materials.

This term we will also be looking at the Geography of the UK. We will be doing this by looking at different types of maps, including topographical maps, to find the different features of the land and the impact this has on the role of an area.

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!

- Electrical energy can be **converted** into different types of energy such as heat, light and movement.
- Some materials allow electricity to pass through them easily. These materials are called **electrical conductors**.
- Some examples of electrical conductors are copper, iron and steel.
- Some materials do not allow electricity to pass through them. They are known as **electrical insulators**.
- Some examples of electrical insulators are glass, wood and rubber.
- Series **electrical circuits** are circuits which allow electricity to flow through them.
- There must not be any gaps in the circuit to allow it to work.
- A circuit must have a power source (battery).
- A circuit can be made up of **cells, wires, bulbs, switches** and **buzzers**.



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. Please be reminded that this term in our Forest school time. The children will be partaking in Forest school every Monday. Please ensure children have suitable clothing for this.



Home learning Expectations

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.

Maths –Times Table Rock Stars practise (Years 2 to 6) – a total of at least 20 minutes on ‘Garage mode’.

Spellings – Please practise the weekly spellings at home to support the learning in school (Years 1-6) - 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!



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>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 4 Term 5 Key dates:

Monday 22nd April – Open classroom at end of day (from 2.45pm until 3.15pm)

Tuesday 30th April – Class photos

Friday 3rd May – INSET (school closed for all children)

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (School closed for all children)

Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May – Travelling Book Fair

Friday 24th May – End of term.

Question Prompts to use when reading with your child



The Book Introduction

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

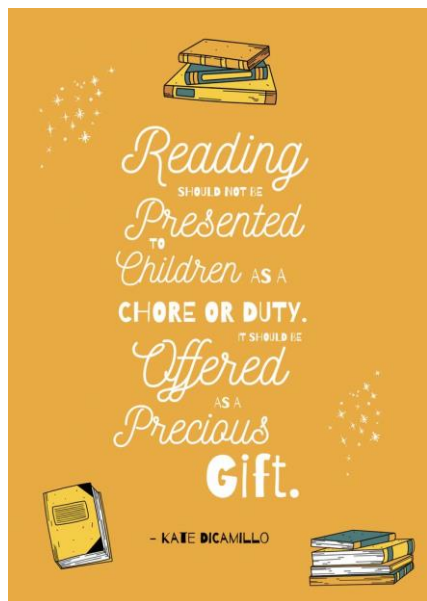
Tap into the children's prior knowledge of the subject (non-fiction)

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?



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?

