



Dates for the Diary

1st April – Term 4 ends
19th April – Term 5 begins
28th April – Class photographs
30th April – Inset day (school closed)
3rd May – Bank holiday (school closed)
28th May – Term 5 ends
7th June – Term 6 begins
5th July – Inset day (school closed)
12th July – Spirituality Day
21st July – Term 6 ends

Parent Consultations

Following the success and positive feedback of our virtual parent consultations at the start of this academic year, we plan to offer parents and carers the opportunity to once again meet virtually with their child's class teacher at the end of this term.

This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school after the lockdown and ask any questions you may have about their progress. Your class teacher will be in touch shortly to let you know the arrangements for this.

As we come to the end of our first week back in school after re-opening I want to say a huge thank you to our whole school community - the staff team, families, children and the wider community - for the amazing effort, resilience and spirit shown by everyone during lockdown. Our whole school community – 'Team Manor' - placed our children at the heart of everything they did. Thank you all for everything you did to support our children during this incredibly difficult time and for everyone to 'Shine like stars in the sky.'

Throughout this week our children have shown how incredibly resilient they are and how quickly they have adapted back into the routine and structures of the school day. As part of our recovery curriculum we will continue to implement strategies to support the emotional well-being of all our children, have a focus on re-connecting and re-establishing relationships with one another and assessing where the children are in their current learning to inform future planning. Details of our recovery curriculum can be found at <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/our-recovery-curriculum-during-covi>

You may have noticed a lot of activities in our Forest School area this week – we had a number of dead and dying trees that needed to be felled to continue to keep the area safe. We have had a lot of work take place in Forest school over lock down and this area is now looking the best it has done in many years! FOMS funded a large amount of this work. Children are also really enjoying the new wooded area at the bottom of the lower playground which was kindly funded by FOMS. FOMS are planning an Easter event to raise funds for future projects in school – please do try and support them.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable weekend – I know the children (and staff!) are all very tired after getting back into the full routine of school life this week!

Best wishes

Mrs Flanagan

Asia Class

What an amazing first week back Year 4 have had! We have been putting a big focus on demonstrating our successful learning qualities and celebrating our success as a class. So far this week, 13 children have shown different successful learning qualities including; kindness, team work skills and the ability to ignore monster distractions and stay focussed! We have settled back in to school life and routine so well.

In Topic, we started looking at Ancient Greece in relation to other Ancient periods we have already studied. We ventured out in the sun and used our background knowledge and reasoning to build a timeline. We got them all in the correct order!



Africa Class

Year 2 have had an amazing first week back. The children have been incredibly settled and are straight back in to normal school routines. This week we have begun our new English Unit on 'Little Red Reading Hood' where the children have thoroughly enjoyed writing scary forest descriptions using a range of adjectives and adverbs. They are also extremely engaged in our Topic this term where we are learning all about Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragettes. They have held discussions maturely and made thoughtful comments about Women's rights. We are really excited to see what they produce next week. Don't forget to continue reading five times a week and we can't wait to see more brilliant work next week.

Australia Class

Australia Class have settled back into school life exceptionally well this week. It is almost as if they have never been away! They have shown this week that they consistently show our school rules of being 'Ready, respectful and safe'. It has been wonderful to see them all back together and enjoying being back with their friends. They have started their new writing unit based on the story of Pinocchio. After finding out about the history of puppets, they have now begun to write the story themselves. In maths they have been exploring numbers to 100 and using tons of diamond power to solve mathematical problems. In topic they have been learning what rights are and developing their artist skills by drawing portraits. All in all it has been a fabulous week. Due to high winds and a visit from a tree surgeon, we were unable to venture into Forest School this week. However we will be returning to Forest School next Wednesday. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in Forest School kit. If you have not done so already, please ensure warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies are in school by next Wednesday.

World Book Day

Thank you all for your incredible efforts on World Book Day and to those of you who have been regularly answering Miss Beech's Reading Riddles. We are excited to announce that, as of Monday, we will be returning to our use of Reading Diaries as a means of recording in school and home reading. We encourage children to bring these to school with them daily and take them home at the end of each day. To ensure maximum safety and reduce any risk, teachers will be sanitising their hands before recording any reading in children's reading diaries. We ask that parents at home please do the same. We look forward to sharing the amazing reading that children are doing and remind everyone that it is a school expectation for children to read five times a week. We are aware that, over lockdown, not all children have been managing to read regularly. We are keen to get back on track and continue our commitment to children's reading. Thank you all for your support.

Europe Class

Wow! Well done Year 3, you have all settled back into school brilliantly! I am so proud of you! We have started to examine the Ancient Greeks and write our Greek Myth 'Theseus & The Minotaur'. We have loved some windy games of football and have really enjoyed being back together learning as a group again. We are really lucky this term to be joined by a student teacher, her name is Miss Lewis and she has been welcomed fantastically by the whole class.

South America Class

What a fantastic first week back we have had in Year 6. All of the children (and Mrs Mann and I!) walked in on Monday with massive smiles on their faces and their attitude to work has been brilliant. We have continued with learning about China and have been studying maps, learning facts and producing some fantastic art inspired by some of the traditional Chinese paintings we looked at.



Antarctica Class

Mrs Kelly, Mrs Sell and the EYFS team are thrilled to welcome back all of the children into Antarctica Class. They have all settled in brilliantly into their learning and friendships – smiles all round! We love our new classroom arrangement and have been busy exploring and revisiting some of the concepts taught over lockdown. We have two new faces in our team; students Miss Griffiths and Mr Baird have joined us until Easter.

North America Class

Year five have settled seamlessly back into school life. It has been amazing to see all of the children back in school and heartwarming to watch the children get to be with each other once more. We have been so busy this week. Our new English unit, based on the shorted animated film, 'The Present' by Jacob Frey, kicked off with a comparison of online games and an outdoor team game of T Ball. We have followed that up by starting our story by looking at the main character's obsession with video games. In maths, we have been focusing on large number work and revisiting methods of calculation. For our topic, we have been in looking at and revising physical features of China and have created beautiful evening paintings of the Great Wall of China. A fantastic start back to school.