



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 3

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 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 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne.

It is a very interesting picture book, narrating a family's trip to the zoo. There are many layers to this day out and, as a class, we will be debating the ethics of this family and the lives of the animals they see. Throughout the term, we will be learning more about when we should and shouldn't use relative clauses and relative pronouns in our writing as well as ways we can link paragraphs together.

Later on in the term, we will be looking at poetry and, with inspiration from 'Zoo', we will be writing animal-themed poems.

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 learning about fractions. We will begin by finding equivalent fractions to unit and non-unit fractions, as well as recognising equivalent fractions. Then, we will learn how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers, convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and compare and order fractions both less than and greater than 1. Finally, we will learn to add and subtract fractions.

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 'From Foraging To Farming'.

It's an extremely exciting topic where we will be learning all about prehistory. Prehistory was the period in history before written recording took place and includes The Stone Age, The Bronze Age and The Iron Age. We will be exploring what life was like during these different periods and how people lived and fed themselves. As well as this, in geography, we will be learning about the supercontinent from 300 million years ago- Pangaea. Here,

we will be questioning how and why life was different and compare to the structure of our world and continents today.

We will also be completing an art project inspired by the wonderful work of Georgia O'keeffe. This will help us to further develop our watercolour and painting skills.

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!

- Prehistory is separated into three main eras of time: The Stone Age, The Bronze Age and the Iron Age
- These different periods were named after the materials that tools of this time were made from
- The Stone Age is separated further into Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods
- About 300 million years ago, Earth didn't have seven continents, but instead one massive supercontinent called Pangaea, which was surrounded by a single ocean called Panthalassa.



Your child will be taking part in P.E on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** (with **Wednesday** being their swimming day).

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.






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.

	<p>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.</p> <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>

Year 5 Term 3 Key dates:

- **Every Wednesday**- Swimming lesson at Yate Leisure Centre
- **Tuesday 23rd January**- Cricket Coaching for whole school

Question Prompts to use when reading with your child



The Book Introduction

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

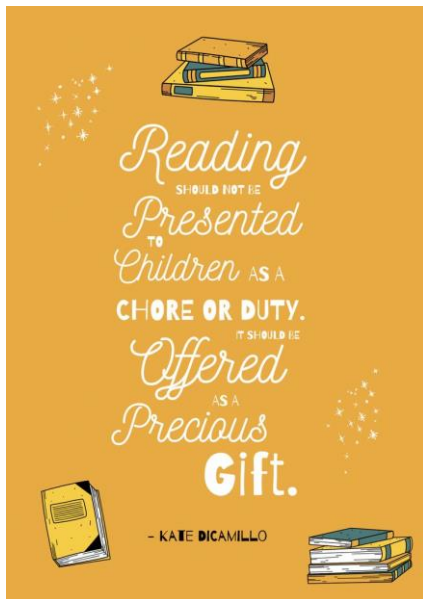
Tap into the children's prior knowledge of the subject (non-fiction)

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?

