



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 4 Term 5 2024/25

Hello everyone, this newsletter aims to give you an overview of the exciting learning we have planned for Term 5. We all hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break and have recharged your batteries for another eventful and exciting term!

This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering up until the May 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](mailto: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.

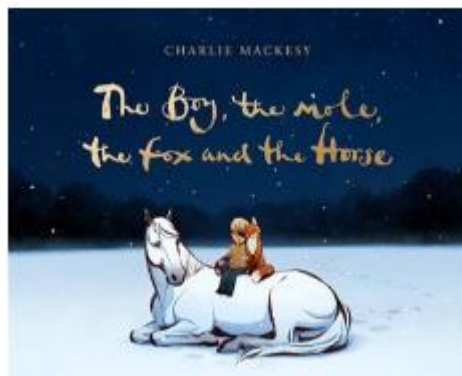
We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack. We would also like to reiterate 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 focusing on a long narrative writing unit. This will be based on the beautiful book, *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*. Our grammar focus will be on punctuating speech accurately and how to accurately and effectively use commas.



We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week. We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school, but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension. We ask that you continue to maintain a reading record for use at home and we will be sending home notes to you to keep you informed of your child's reading progress.

## Maths

In maths this term, we will be completing our long unit on decimals. We will then look at money, time and shape. The children have been saying how tricky some of them find telling the time. It would be wonderful if you could spend some time telling the time with your child at home.



We will also be continuing our daily practises of times tables! Please ensure you are accessing your TT Rockstars accounts at home!

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 Subject

Our Foundation Subject Topic this term is 'The Shang and the Fang' We will be learning all about the Shang Dynasty in China from 1600 – 1046 BC. We will be learning all about how they lived and the different roles within society, who were the rulers within the Dynasty and how they became rulers. We will also be deepened our understanding of what they believed and how they resolved conflict.

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!

## Key Facts

- A dynasty is a line of rulers of a country
- The Shang Dynasty is one of the first in China (that we have evidence of)
- Shang society was divided into different classes. Most people were farmers
- The Shang believed in a supreme God, Shang Di.



Your child will be taking part in P.E on Wednesday and will have Forest School on a Thursday  
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 plain gold or white t-shirt (or your child's team colour for the remainder of this year) In addition, children should wear black shorts or black jogging bottoms/leggings with no obvious patterns/logos and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please.

We have a supply of plain black jogging bottoms that children are able to borrow if they wear the incorrect kits to school.



The children will continue to have weekly spellings to learn and will be tested on these on a Friday. Please ensure your child completes their 20 minutes of TTRS each week and that they are heard read 5 times per week. Home learning books need to be in school on a Thursday, ready to be checked.



Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day, as at this time our water fountains will be out of use. Also please make sure that their school uniform is labelled clearly with their name and class. We ask children not to bring in their own stationery, toys or items from home into school. We will provide all the equipment that your child needs.

### Year 4 Term 5 Key dates:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – INSET day (school closed to all children)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Week 12<sup>th</sup> May – Travelling Book Fair in hall

Week 12<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness Week

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – End of Term