



Curriculum Newsletter

Year **R** Term 5 2024/25

Welcome to Term 5 everyone! We look forward to a brilliant first summer term with you all. This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be learning about until the 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 as your child is in KS1, they receive a healthy snack provided by school. We therefore ask that all children in KS1 (Year R – 2) **do not** bring in an additional snack. 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.

PE

Your child will continue to take part in P.E on **Thursdays** coming to school dressed in their P.E kits. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing a plain gold or white t-shirt. 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. **It is worth noting that when possible, PE will take place outside this term, so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing (including a hat).**



Phonics, reading & spelling

Now that we have taught all of the sounds that we will be learning in Reception, we will be spending the next two terms consolidating this and exploring words with more than one syllable. This requires the children to think about all of the sounds that they can hear in a word, in sequence, and to break it up into manageable chunks. We will also be introducing more 'Tricky' words and 'High Frequency Words' children are encouraged to learn by sight. These will feature in the **word lists** coming home weekly.



Many thanks for keeping up with the reading at home and well done to those children who are now on their second (or third!) yellow reading diary! Your child will continue to come home with 2 reading books to practise sounds and tricky words which have been taught and to practise fluency. **Please don't forget to date when your child has read so that we know when to change books. Please keep both books in your child's book bag as their reading day may vary according to what is happening during the week.**

You will notice that the home learning continues with **sentence writing** and we thank you in advance for supporting your child with this invaluable skill. By the time they leave Reception, it is our aim for every child to be able to write a sentence which can be read by others. This means ensuring that they use their 'phoneme fingers' to break down sounds and to remember to put finger spaces in between the words. They also know that sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop. It is invaluable that children develop this habit now so that becomes automatic when writing sentences.

Writing check list



Capital letter



Finger spaces



Use my sounds



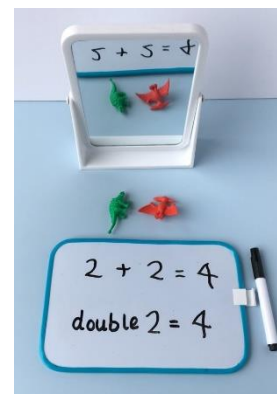
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Maths

This term we are learning how to count on from a given number. The children are used to counting two sets of objects and starting from 1 when they count, so this is a skill which needs lots and lots of practice! In addition to this we will be exploring the following:

- Writing numerals 10-20
- Reciting numbers to 20 in order accurately.
- Exploring pattern in number: tens and ones up to 20
- Using the language and symbols of addition and subtraction.
- Understanding what doubling means, and learning some double facts
- Learning number bonds to 5 (subtraction facts) and moving onto number bonds to 10.



Topic

This term we are going to be learning about '**minibeasts**' with an emphasis on honeybees, spiders and butterflies. We will follow the children's interests and if they decide they have particular interests of their own, we will also find time to explore this further.



We will be using a variety of non-fiction books about insects in order to find out some interesting facts and will be writing some of our own facts.

We will specifically explore habitats, features of the insect's body, learn what it eats, how it moves and what its lifecycle looks like.

Please ensure your child has a bottle of **water** at school every day, particularly now that Summer is coming!

As you are aware, it is a school rule to have plain water in bottles. We also follow the curriculum content created by the Department of Education which outlines the requirements to teach children about dental health and hygiene as nearly a quarter of all five year olds in the UK have tooth decay. We really appreciate your support with this.

As we move into the summer months, please ensure your child brings a **sun hat** to school and that on sunny days they wear 'all day' **sun protection**.



We will continue to send home your child's homework on a weekly basis.

We will also include this term's Maths activities and Fast Facts. We would love to see any evidence of these activities on Evidence Me!



Key dates:

Wednesday 23rd April – Windmill City Farm Trip

Friday 2nd May 2025 – INSET (school closed for all children)

Monday 5th May 2025 – Bank Holiday

Friday 9th May – St Saviour's Church Visit. We will be organising a walk down to church this term to explore its features. We will be appealing for adult helpers for this too. Please let us know via the class email if you would be around for an hour or so on that afternoon.

Monday 19th May – NCMP & Vision Screening. (See email sent on 13/12/24)