



The Manor CE Primary School

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Newsletter 19

4 February 2022

Dates for the Diary

9 February – Year 5/6 Stonehenge trip

~~17 February – FOMS School disco~~

18 February – Term 3 ends

28 February – Term 4 starts

6 & 7 April – Parent/ Carer consultations

INSET Days this academic year

~~Thursday 2 September 2021~~

~~Monday 1 November 2021~~

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Friday 29 April 2022

Monday 4 July 2022

I hope that you have all had a super week. There are just two weeks left of this term and it's great to see the children so immersed in their current topics and being able to talk so confidently about all they have learnt so far this term. After a high number of Covid cases at the start of this week, our numbers of new positive cases are reducing slightly. We still have a number of staff who have tested positive but the children continue to be really settled and happy in school working with different members of the staff team. We have had to make the difficult decision to postpone the FOMS disco on Thursday 17th February due to the current situation – hopefully when things calm down again we can rearrange this.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mrs Flanagan

Antarctica Class



This week Antarctica Class have celebrated Chinese New Year. We watched some dragon dances, found out how the festival is celebrated and practised using chopsticks. This was so tricky! We have also been finding out about jobs within our community, particularly those who help us (like emergency services). Some children were inspired to make their own fire trucks as a result of this and we were really impressed with the level of engagement that we observed as the children chose their materials and found out how to attach their 'parts' together. It has been a busy week with maths as we have been learning how to estimate and make sensible guesses. We have improved our 'sensible guesses' as the week has progressed and the children have really enjoyed the competitive nature of our maths lessons (making a guess, counting and finding out whose estimate was the closest).

North America Class

We have been working on our computing skills this week and looking at databases, searching for particular criteria and adding our own records. We have spent the last few weeks developing our knowledge of prehistory and I am so impressed with what the children have achieved and what they can now tell us about that period of time.

Next week, PE day will be changing from Wednesday to Tuesday so please ensure children are wearing PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday.

Asia Class



It has been lovely to see the number of faces growing in Year 4 this week! Hope to see more returning next week! In class, we have been really enjoying learning about abstract art and using influence from Alma Woodsey Thomas to design our very own abstract printed pieces. The children had a great time exploring different printing methods and evaluating the effects of using; potatoes, polystyrene, cork and sponge to print patterns with. We have used Alma's passion of space to influence our designs and hope to put together a little gallery once the final pieces are complete!

Australia Class



This week we have been looking at multiplication and division in our maths lessons. We have been solving problems by making groups and sharing items. We even learnt about arrays, rows and columns which was a little confusing. We've had a very messy week with paint mixing. We have created our own colour wheels and then created Antarctica art using colours mixed to represent cold tones. We even combined these skills to create arrays using paint on Wednesday! Woo, artistic mathematicians. Who would have thought it! Well done Year One

Africa Class



What a wonderful week in Africa Class! We have planned out our own stories to write independently next week and they look like they will be very exciting to read! We have had fun finding thirds of amounts in maths and used lots of amethyst power to work out the answers in pairs. We also enjoyed computing where we experimented with spreadsheets. We now know how to change the colour of cells, how to add images onto the spreadsheet and how to copy and paste! **As always, keep up the great reading at home 😊**

Europe Class



Europe class have been developing their artistic skills this week. We began the week by learning all about the artist Alma Woodsey Thomas. She was an abstract artist and she created some wonderful pieces of artwork. After exploring some of her famous pieces, developing our printing skills and designing our own, we finally created our own piece of artwork this morning! The first picture is one of Alma's pieces called 'A starry night and the astronauts' and the second picture is one of our amazing examples of abstract art called 'Minecraft mountain'.

South America Class

Year 6 have enjoyed yet another great week of learning despite having a number of children off self-isolating. It has been great to see so many children return to school as the days have gone by!

This week, we developed our understanding of synonyms and antonyms in English and explored ratio in maths before applying our new knowledge to solving ratio problems.

We've ended the week by learning a short dance routine and creating some Stonehenge inspired artwork in preparation for our trip next week!

Have a great weekend everyone.

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