

# MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Spring Term Newsletter



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### Happy New Year!

From all at Manor, we hope you had a good festive break and we wish you all a Happy New Year! It is good to get back to school and it gives a chance for a fresh start with a clear focus on learning without the distractions and excitement of Christmas. The children have settled quickly and are really starting to show some good progress in their learning. The spring term is often when children are comfortable in the class routines and the teacher knows them well so progress starts to accelerate. Especially with the support of parents that we saw getting behind our push on reading at home. We just need to maintain that momentum and the children will flourish.

### Little Wandle Phonics

For some time now we have been looking at changing our phonics scheme in school. We felt that we were in need of a refresh and we called in an advisor from our local English Hub at Little Sutton who agreed with us that a change would be a good idea. Having visited other schools and been very impressed with what we have seen of it we decided to opt for Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. This has been a large investment but we have been heavily subsidised with a grant from Little Sutton. It means that over the first few weeks of this term all classroom staff are going through training and we are starting to roll the programme out across Nursery up to Year 2. We have bought over 700 new reading books and are changing some of the ways we deliver reading to the younger children in school. Mrs Armstrong would like to be able to explain more to parents so has booked a

### Dates for Your Diary

January	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Owls to library bus
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y4/5 level 1 Bikeability training
19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meeting for Robins and Swans about new phonics and reading scheme details to follow.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chinese New Year themed menu for lunch
24 <sup>th</sup>	Swans to library bus
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports hall athletics team to Rawlett
February	
1 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Grandparents' lunches
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher/Parent consultation meetings
7 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
8 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents' lunches for KS2
16 <sup>th</sup>	Owls class wedding in church (RE lesson)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term
27 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school

### Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Mrs Armitage on Wheels by Quentin Blake.
Writing	The Train Ride by June Crebbin
Maths	Understanding and using money practically and for problem solving
Owls	
Reading	Prediction, retrieval and inference work based on our new class text "The Highland Falcon Thief" - winner of the British Book Awards Children's Fiction Book of the Year 2020
Writing	Children will be writing based on "The incredible book eating boy". Children spent Thursday's writing lesson exploring some clues about a young boy called Henry and inferring what their work might be based on in the coming weeks (see pictures below)
Maths	multiplication and division methods for larger numbers e.g. 24 x 8 as well as factors and multiples.



### Wrap Around Care



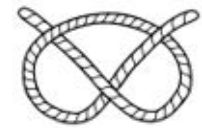
Before and after school care is available as usual for all children who are in school. Contact the school office to book a place.

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### School Council

School council were joined by House Captains to choose a reward for this

<p>parent meeting for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. She will be writing to you soon with more details. This is another exciting initiative that we hope will see further improvements in the strength of the teaching of reading at Manor.</p> <p><b>Active Maths</b></p> <p>We love maths at Manor and we love being active in PE so we thought, what better way to spend some time in the afternoon than doing some 'Active Maths'? Mr Littler has been trained in delivering an active maths programme that he delivers in other schools so we thought we would ask him to do the same for us. Each teacher has chosen an area of maths that links with what they are doing in class and Mr Littler works on some practice from a booklet that includes for example, Swans counting in tens as they throw and catch or jump etc. It's fun, healthy and it consolidates their maths skills... what's not to love! Teachers will be delivering a full PE lesson at a different time in the week so they will let you know which different days PE kits are needed.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Penguins</b></p>		<p>half term today. They decided to make the total a bit lower this term! They actually decided that they would arrange a treat with their teacher where they would decide the subject they would be taught on the last afternoon such as extra art or PE. If they get 300 house points they will get 30 minutes then an extra 10 minutes for every extra 100 House Points. If they get over 1200 they will have the whole afternoon.</p>
	<p>Reading</p>	<p>Focus on the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf with a focus on retrieval, inference and discussing themes around refugees. We will then continue this book as our class text for the term.</p>	
	<p>Writing</p>	<p>Linking to our Science topic we will begin our new writing unit - A Transmission from Mars' where we will write a transmission made by an astronaut who has landed on Mars. We will focus on writing effective sentences</p>	
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Decimals - including the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Please see our Curriculum map on the class webpage for more specific objectives.</p>	<p><b>New Reading Books</b></p> <p>Thank you to those who supported our Book Fair in school. The books you bought meant that we were able to choose 30 new books from the fair for school. We chose books that will add more challenge, variety of authors and diversity of characters. These books will be going into our rejuvenated book corners in the classrooms.</p>	

<p><b>Star of the week</b></p> <p>Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week for this week's value and for excellent work:</p> <p><b><u>Resilience - We never give up!</u></b></p>		
	<p><b>Jenson</b></p> <p><b>Heidi</b></p>	 <p><b>Lane</b></p> <p><b>Leo</b></p>
	<p><b>Gabriel</b></p> <p><b>Luca</b></p>	

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