

Soar to Success—Self-Sufficient, Original, Attitude, Resilient



Manor Park
Primary
School

Newsletter
19th June
2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and established in a good routine with your children at home. We have had another fantastic week of high-quality learning taking place in school and at home. Numbers of children attending school are fairly consistent, and we have been delighted to welcome back a few new additional children in all the designated year groups this week. Our booking system remains live for new parents to book a place if they would like to do so. A reminder to parents that we are expecting and encouraging children who attend school to attend regularly every day. This is to maintain good routines and continuity in their learning. It is also important for children's emotional well-being that this daily routine is maintained. If parents who have taken a place are not sending their child in daily, we will contact you to discuss withdrawing the place and offering it to another child. You are very aware that working in groups of 10 children to one member of staff in a room, places great pressure on our resources and it is important that children who are taking a place are using it fully. Key worker families can adopt a more flexible approach; however, we would recommend that these children also attend school every day wherever possible. If your child is off school because they are sick it is essential that you let us know. Our normal safeguarding and attendance policies apply, and staff must follow up any absence in exactly the way that we usually do when we are operating normally.

I am delighted to inform you that we have made the decision to have a parent's evening this term, offering parents individual appointments through zoom. The purpose of the meetings is to give parents the opportunity to discuss their child's report, discuss their learning during lockdown and update us on home circumstances over this period. We will operate a window for these meetings for parents to book an appointment between 24th June and 10th July. Each member of staff will be operating their own timetable. Bookings will be made in the usual way on our online booking system. Each meeting will last up to 20 mins and will operate as a timed online meeting with each parent. This information will then be used to support staff in a transition information sharing meeting with new teachers before the end of term. Please use the meeting to re-connect with your child's teacher and let them know how your child's learning has been going, including any areas of learning that your child may have struggled with and an update for staff on your child's well-being. Please look out for the alert early next week when the booking system goes live. We are going to hold a parent online meeting for new nursery and reception parents which will include a question and answer session. The first of these meetings will be for new reception parents. There will be two meetings both at 2pm, on Tuesday 30th June and Thursday July 2nd. These meetings will involve the reception staff and SLT. If successful, we will consider offering meetings to other year groups in school as a way of extending communication with parents and operating a question and answer session for you relating to any area of school life. Letters will be sent directly to new reception parents with details of the zoom meeting and how they can register to attend.

You will have read in the press that the Government has released a large sum of money to support schools in running both summer activities, tutoring and catch up programmes. Whilst we really welcome this support, we have not received any guidance at all on what this provision may look like. I will of course keep you updated as I find out more through our Local Authority.

Thank you for your continued support and my very best wishes to everyone. Have a wonderful weekend.

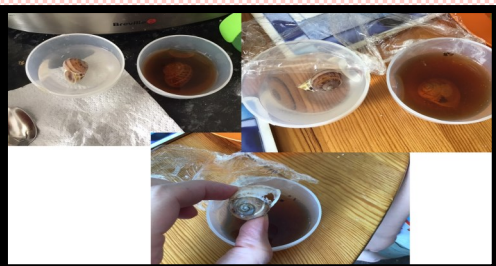
Kind regards

Jill O'Connor - Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about sea creatures and shells. We enjoyed our science investigation about whether or not we could dissolve a shell in vinegar! We were amazed by the results!



EYEP

This week in EYEP, we have been exploring our numbers and using loose parts to make them!



Year R



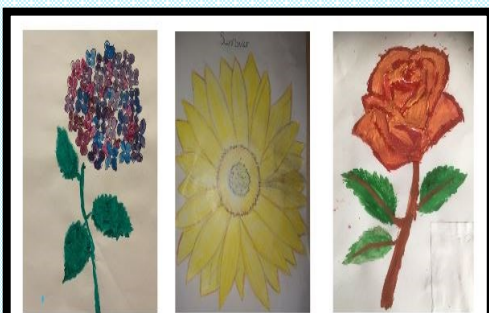
This week in Reception, we have been learning about sea animals that make their own light! It's called 'Bio-luminescence'. We've been doing lots of investigating and finding out lots of facts.

Year 1

We have had lots of fun in school learning about the Queen and where she lives. Here is Darshav's painting of Buckingham Palace.

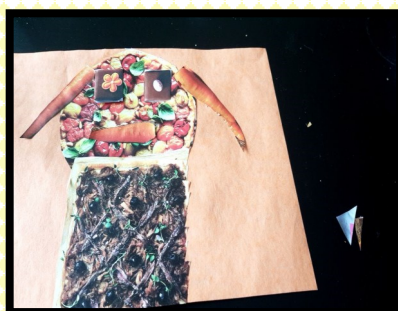


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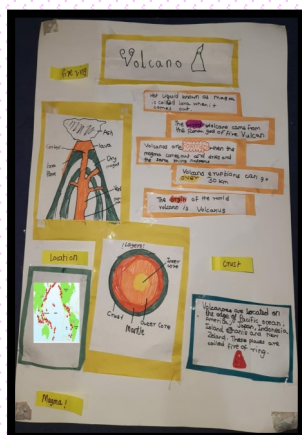
Year 2 have been using different materials to draw their favourite flower. Here are some of our creations...

Year 3



Year 3 were inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo and created pieces of art based on his style!

Year 4



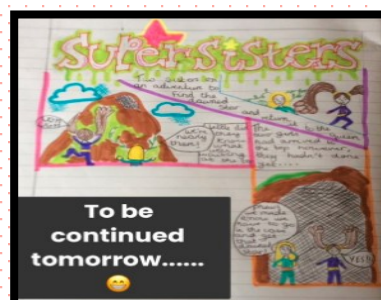
In Year 4 this week, children have been creating an informative poster about Volcanoes. Look at this fantastic poster designed by Tanoshree!

Year 5



This week, the children had a go at making Tudor manchet bread and learnt all about Henry VIII's many wives!

Year 6



This week in school and at home for online learning, the children have been creating comic strips. A lot of children decided to make up their own stories and display them on their comic strip, whilst others chose to retell well known fairy tales. The children have been so creative and thoroughly enjoyed completing this piece of work.

MANOR PARK NOTICES



Our theme for this week is:

'Be active'

Physical activity is key to supporting our mental health. Even a short burst of 10 minutes brisk walk increases our mental alertness, energy and positive mood. If we participate in physical activity it can increase our self esteem and can reduce stress and anxiety. There are a great many ways for you to have fun as a family while exercising. Play games, set challenges or go for a walk in your local area and beyond. Whether it be a rainy day splashing in puddles or an opportunity to get out in the sunshine, get outside and boost your mental health today.

Mrs Healy

Website/app of the week: <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>

A full list of useful websites can be found on the SEN page of our school website.

Challenge of the week: Play an active family game like hide and seek.



Please be aware that we are now completely cashless so we can minimise the risk of Covid—19 transmission into school. Any payments made to us for CHAMPS, Nursery or school meals will need to be made via SIMS Pay. If you are experiencing any issues with this then please contact the office either by email admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk or by calling 02476501736 and we will happily assist.

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In school, Class 8
have made a dinosaur
nest on the field.

This week, the Year 1 children
have been practising their
computing skills by inserting
their faces into pictures of the
royal family.

