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Manor Park
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh What a Week!

From being told by the government and local authority last Sunday to fully re-open school on Monday, updating risk assessments to enable us to do so and liaising with unions, followed by re-organising the environment and staffing on Monday to closing the same evening... I appreciate how worrying and confusing this week has been for children, parents and staff. I also know you will understand that it has all been out of our control. Can I thank you all for your fantastic support and messages of appreciation which mean so much to us. We have worked tirelessly to do everything we possibly can to offer places for the government identified groups and to support children and families learning at home and in school. This has been, and will always continue to be, our highest priority. Thank you all so much for your unwavering support.

We have now settled nursery, vulnerable and key worker children back into school. The children in school are delighted to be back and tell us repeatedly how much they enjoy school. Long may it last! We have secured a hot meal for those children attending who would like one, with a choice of a daily hot meal, jacket potato or sandwich, along with a full salad cart. It is very important to us that we can offer our children a hot meal during these cold months and we are very grateful to our catering company for supporting us in this way. If your child is currently bringing a packed lunch and you would prefer them to have a school meal, please contact the office to book this in please. Children who are in receipt of free school meals and are not attending school, are entitled to a weekly payment from the government to offset this. We are awaiting confirmation from the government as to how this will be paid and will contact parents directly when we have received this.

Remote learning will take place all day every day during the lockdown, initially through Seesaw. Ensuring that this is accessible to children and parents and is of the highest quality possible is our ultimate aim. We will contact parents where children do not engage in this learning to offer support in any way we can, as we appreciate that the situation for every family is very different. Please do ask for help or advice if you need it. We are working hard to launch a new live interactive remote teaching model through TEAMS for children from Reception upwards. This will hopefully strengthen our remote blended learning, ensuring smooth transitions between children learning in school and at home. We have worked hard on this over the last term and it is almost ready to launch, so watch this space.

Following a ballot for a new parent governor I am delighted to inform you that we had one application from Debs Ridgewell. Debs will now serve on the governing body for a period of 4 years. I am very grateful to Debs for supporting the school in this way and the governing body looks forward to working with her in the strategic leadership of the school.

The school nursing team has asked us to pass the details of their website for children and details of their telephone parent advice line in case you need to contact their service for any reason. Their details are www.healthforkids.co.uk offering children a fun way to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes. Parents can call the school nurses between 8.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday on 02475 189190 to discuss any concerns they may have or you can contact them by texting their parent line- 07507 329114 9.00am -5.00pm Monday to Friday.

I am attaching our updated risk assessment for your information and this will be placed on the website. I sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well with your families at home. It is important that we all remain positive and look forward to happier times ahead. We are open and are all here for the school community. I would like to reassure you that we will do anything we can to support children or parents so please do contact us if we can help in any way.

Keeping in Touch

As a school we are committed to keeping in touch with our families. We recognise the fantastic work children, staff and families are doing to keep in touch using Seesaw, however we will also be asking class teachers and support staff to make weekly phone calls to all families that are not attending school. If you need to update your number on our systems, then please contact the school office.

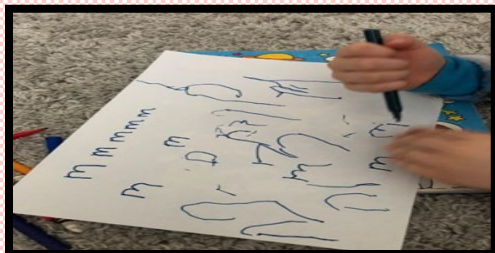
If you feel that you need support from our learning mentor team, then please let us know, they will be continuing to provide wellbeing checks to a number of families from across the school.

My very best wishes to everyone. Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

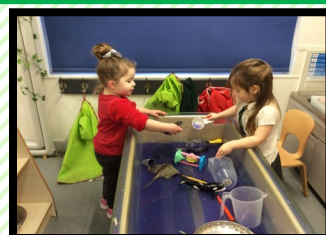
Nursery



The children in Nursery have really enjoyed talking about the New Year and making lovely resolutions and stars to keep their promises at home and at school. They have also been learning the sound 'm' and how to write it. Well done!

EYEP

We have had lots of fun back in EYEP exploring the water area in our bubble!



Year R



This week in Reception, the children have enjoyed using their phonics skills to read simple labels and match them to the correct object. They have also been learning about different types of transportation for our new topic - Planes, Trains and Automobiles!

Year 1

Year 1 children have been enjoying the fabulous story of The Tiger Who Came to Tea, both in school and at home. They are planning an alternative story with their own main character. We can't wait to read your stories Year 1! Well done this week - you are super stars!



Year 2



Year 2 have enjoyed exploring our new topic 'Around the World', both at home and in school, by creating fantastic papier mache globes, locating and labelling the continents. The children have also made their own passports, ready to be filled in when they visit lots of exciting countries throughout our topic.

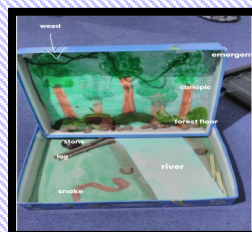
Year 3

The children in Year 3 have all worked tremendously hard both at home and at school producing excellent work to a very high standard. In their topic, they have been learning about the different food groups. This work shows a child who both understood the food groups and found lots of examples in his own home. Awesome work Christopher! Well done to everyone in Year 3 for adapting effortlessly and all being superstars.

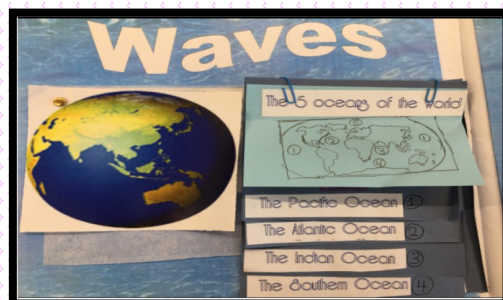
Fruits	Vegetables	Grains	Proteins	Dairy
Apple	Carrot	Bread	Salami	Milk
Banana	Onion	Pasta	Bacon	Cheese
Orange	Parsnips	Oats	Nuts	Butter
Grapes	Courgette	Rice	Krispies	Frozen yogurt
Melon	Swede		Sausages	

Year 5

In Year 5 we are exploring South America, we have been looking at the different layers and levels of the Amazon rainforest. In art we created 3D models showing these different layers.



Year 4



Year 4 have been learning all about the 5 oceans of the world. In school, we have learnt where they are, sang songs to help us remember and made a flip book with facts about them.

Year 6

Qualities of an Explorer

In the eyes of Ernest Shackleton, the key traits of a well skilled explorer were optimism, patience, to believe that they could achieve their goal, and courage. These weren't the only skills required; other traits would be to be able to help the crew while on the journey. An example would be a doctor so if a crewmate was sick or hurt you would be able to attend them and help the crew succeed the mission. These four traits were necessary to complete an expedition to the Antarctic in 1914.

Shackleton's perspective: Throughout time the skills of an explorer have changed slightly. A skill that has remained the same is the skill of believing and being optimistic and confident for your journey. All four different skills would be the skill of seeing and making.



This week we have been learning about Ernest Shackleton. We have thought about the qualities an explorer must have to be part of his expedition to cross Antarctica via the South Pole, ready to write our application letters next week!



COVID-19 Keeping You Safe



If your child is attending school during lockdown:

Please email us immediately on covid@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk if your child or any member of your household is displaying any symptoms or has received a positive test including evenings, weekends and holidays.

In your email, please provide the following information which we require to enable us to follow up any cases:

Who has symptoms in your household?

Who has had a test & what is the result

Exact date & timings of symptoms & testing

Reminders

All parents are required to wear a face covering/ mask when on the school site & must adhere to the school one-way system.

School must be informed of any other absence of children who are attending school through the admin e mail

Children who are not attending school do not need to inform us of any covid instances in their family.



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Schools & families can request free mobile data increases for students without broadband and/or who can't afford extra data for devices. Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile & Sky Mobile all taking part in the scheme. More info here: get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access

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Fun in the snow for Year 2!

