

11th June 2021



### A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well and that you had a very enjoyable half term holiday. Having such beautiful weather was such a bonus. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and to share their holiday news. They have all enjoyed resuming their learning, with all children spending some time learning about Oceans Day on Tuesday. Check out their Seesaw blogs to see their learning.

As we are expecting a particularly warm spell ahead, I would like to reassure parents that we will be implementing our sun safety policy to limit the amount of time children spend outside with exposure to the sun. This will be evaluated daily according to weather conditions, and it may mean that children in some year groups are restricted from spending the whole lunchtime session outdoors when the sun is at its hottest. Staff do not have the capacity to apply sunscreen and we would recommend that you do this on hot days before children arrive at school, so that you know it has been applied thoroughly. Children may bring in sun lotion to apply themselves on hot days if you feel they can apply it independently. We would also encourage children to bring in sun hats wherever possible. Our catering team have introduced a new self-serve water station with a range of flavoured waters this week, which is a huge hit with the children (and staff) and is helping to keep everyone cool and hydrated.

Year 5 are busily preparing for their space camp which will be held in school on Thursday and Friday next week, with children camping out in their classrooms on Thursday night as part of this experience. They are very excited!

We have been informed by the LA that the annual transition day on July 7th will unfortunately not go ahead for any primary or secondary schools this year. This is in line with the LA risk assessment, as they do not want children from different schools mixing at this challenging time. We have made the decision to offer our Year R to 5 children a week transitional experience w/b 12th July, when children will spend the week in their new classes with their new teacher and learning support assistant. All classes will spend the week learning about Coventry City of Culture during this week, which is such an exciting part of the heritage of our wonderful city. Year 6 will all remain at Manor Park on transition day and during the school transition week, with secondary schools making contact virtually with Year 6 staff to ensure the transition for children to their new schools goes well. Reception staff will welcome children into their new classes in small groups across transition week, with all nursery children attending for their usual sessions, as the nursery will operate normally. Children will be informed of their new class on Friday July 9th with their annual report which will be distributed to parents on this day, along with the full staffing structure for the new academic year. We will once again aim to keep children in their current class groupings wherever we feel this is in the best interests of the children. Where we do split classes, year group staff will work hard to ensure that friendship groups are considered, as the happiness and well-being of every child, is as always, central to any decisions we make.

Have a wonderful weekend with the promise of gorgeous weather.

My very best wishes to everyone,

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

## EFYS Phase: Nursery & Reception

Welcome back to all our families after the half term break. The children are very excited about beginning the second half of the summer term. They have been busy taking part in lots of fun learning around our new topic, 'Let's go on Holiday!' and following their own interests. The weather has been beautiful and very warm. We are reminding the children to consider how to be safe in the sun and why it is important to wear sun hats and lotion. They are also having regular breaks in the shade and drinking plenty of water.

Mrs. Bygrave EFYS Phase Leader

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries:

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### Learning in Nursery

As part of our whole school 'World Oceans Day' celebrations, the children in Nursery have been sharing stories, rhymes and songs with an ocean theme. They have enjoyed sharing their knowledge and experiences of the sea and they have been learning about the creatures that live in the oceans and why it is important for us to take care of them. Being creative is something the children always enjoy and they have made small and large pictures using a mix of media.

### Learning in Reception

For our new topic 'Mad about Minibeasts' we have enjoyed looking for minibeasts in the forest school and drew pictures of what we have found. Today we are enjoying a variety of activities for our 'Bug Ball'.



## Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

What a fantastic sunny week we have had in school this week. We have once again been able to use our amazing school grounds to support and enhance the children's learning. We have created some shaded areas outside and it's great to see plenty of children with hats and water bottles; can we remind you that it is important for the children to have a named water bottle in school daily. Finally, huge congratulations to Mr Kirby, who got married over the half term and enjoyed a beautiful, sunny wedding day. We wish him and his beautiful wife a lifetime of happiness together.

As always, feel free to get in touch with us if you have any queries, concerns or positive comments, we are always happy to hear from our families.

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### Learning in Year 1

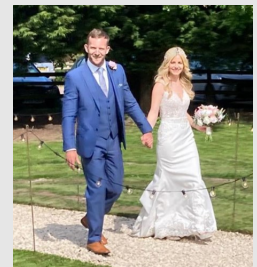
This week, Year 1 have learnt all about the Millennium. We found out how different countries around the world celebrated and also how some of our teachers in school celebrated. We found a common theme was fireworks so we created firework pictures using lots of different tools - marbles, paint brushes, toothbrushes and blowing with straws.

### Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been investigating the properties of materials in science this week. We explored whether we could twist, bend, squash or stretch objects and tested the rigidity and flexibility of them. Fantastic scientists!

### Learning in Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about the different foods that were eaten during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children even had a go at using techniques used during the Stone Age by replicating how people cooked inside an animal skin (the children used a paper cone!).





### Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful half term and managed to spend some time enjoying the sunshine. The children have had a great first week back and have lots of exciting activities to look forward to this term. Year 5 will be holding their annual Space Camp next week and Year 6 will be heading off on their residential at the end of June. As we are now experiencing the warmer weather, could you please ensure that your child has a hat, water and some form of sun protection in school to ensure their safety against the rising temperatures.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact me on:

[t\\_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:t_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

#### Learning in Year 4

Year 4 have been learning all about the survival story of Eric LeMarque as part of their topic on North America. They wrote diary entries based on the events that happened to him when he became lost on Mammoth Mountain in California. He was extremely honoured to hear about the work we had been doing on him and sent us this personalised video.

#### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the artist Peter Thorpe, who is an abstract artist. We've learnt about his space series and are creating our own art in the style of Peter Thorpe. We are working on our sketching and oil pastel skills such as creating gradients and different textures.

#### Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning about the different types of trade that made The Kingdom of Benin prosperous and successful. We looked at market trade, international trade and the slave trade. We were interested to find that The Kingdom of Benin was close to many trade routes which helped the country with imports and exports. Well done, Year 6!



### Updates

- The school phone options have changed to the following:

Press 1 to report an absence.

Press 2 to contact our Nursery team.

Press 3 for the main office.

- How to access and order your class photos online:

Use the following link [starvision.gotphoto.co.uk](https://starvision.gotphoto.co.uk) and enter the personal access code that was provided to you. If you order before the 27th of June deliveries will be free.

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*Self-sufficient*

# O

*Original*

# A

*Attitude*

# R

*Resilient*



Manor Park  
Primary School



With summer fast approaching, we are opening our lists for our September sessions.

If you need to extend your child's day, either before or after school, please get in touch for more information.

All sessions need to be pre-booked, which can be done by emailing:  
[k\\_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:k_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

Sessions and costs:

7.30 - 8.45AM £5.50 per child, per day.

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Breakfast is served during this session (a reduced menu is available during covid restrictions)

3.30 - 4.30PM £4.50 per child, per day.

3.30 - 5.00PM £6.75 per child, per day.

3.30 - 5.30PM £8.50 per child, per day.

3.30 - 6.00PM £10.50 per child, per day.

Currently, we are offering a pre-booked sandwich as a snack option after school.

Fruit, milk and water are available daily during all sessions.



## Manor Park Careers Week

During the week of 21st June, Manor Park will be having their careers event. For that week, children across Manor Park school, from Nursery to Year 6, will be learning about different careers on offer and exploring our career aspirations for the future.

However, to do this effectively, we need your help! Unlike last year, due to Covid restrictions, we cannot have visitors into school, therefore we are having our event within our year groups virtually.

We are looking for volunteers with skills and careers to spark intrigue, curiosity and ambition in our children here at Manor Park to get in touch and send in a video to show the children why it's brilliant to do the job you do! Videos do not need to be long, but just an overview of what you do and maybe a look around your workplace.

If you, a relative or a friend, is interested in participating in this, then please contact me ([I\\_scott@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:I_scott@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)) with details.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Scott





# World Ocean Day

## Let's Save Our Oceans

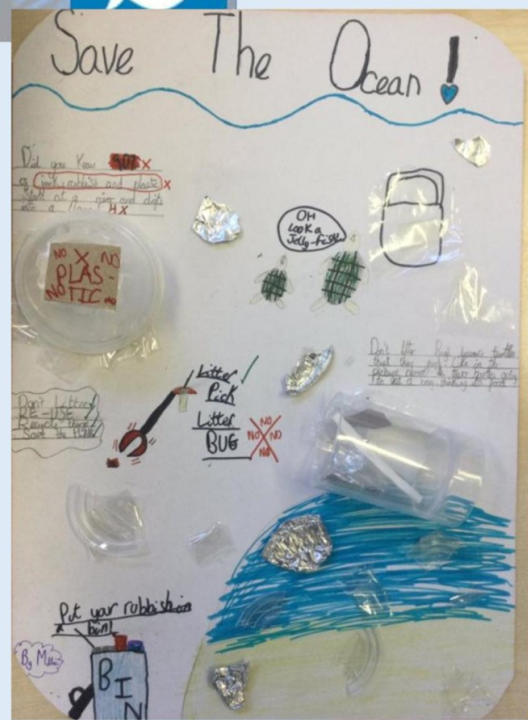
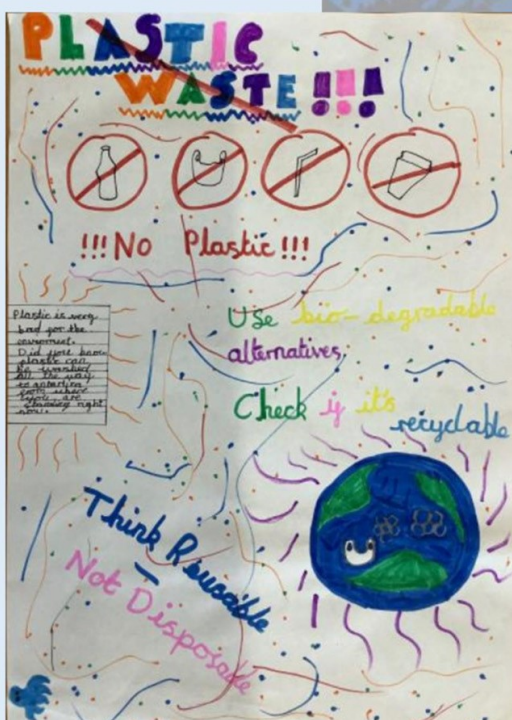


This week, the school celebrated World Oceans Day which links to the global goal, life below water.

All the children learnt about how amazing our seas and oceans are, and that we must conserve them and look after them so that they are sustainable for years to come. Ask your child what they learnt about in their class.

Take a look at some of this amazing work from around the school.

Thank you,  
Miss Ingram



**This item belongs to:**

**PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS**

## **LOST PROPERTY**

We make every effort to return any item that finds it's way to our lost property, however the volume of items without a name makes this a very difficult task. Please name your child's belongings so that if found, we can ensure it gets back to them. Any items without a name that have not been collected after 2 weeks will be sent to charity.