

14th January 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

Like so many other schools, we have had our highest ever number of children and staff testing positive with Covid this week. Thankfully, all infected children and staff have reported mild symptoms, however it is causing immense pressure on staffing and school organisation. As a result of this we are having to make some ongoing temporary changes to staffing to ensure that all children remain in school and are taught by a teacher in their own class. The health and well-being of children and staff remains our highest priority, along with delivering the best teaching and learning experience that we possibly can for children in school and those isolating during these unprecedented times.

With the Omicron variant circulating transmission, may I ask that you all continue to play your part in keeping everyone safe. Please do not send your child into school if they have any Covid symptoms or are ill in anyway. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

When COVID-19 is circulating, it is worth also being aware of the wider symptoms of COVID-19 including:

sore throat, headache, muscle ache, fatigue, shortness of breath, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea, vomiting, and cold like symptoms.

I appreciate that lateral flow testing devices are currently in short supply, but would request that children are tested twice weekly as a minimum wherever possible. Any positive cases should be reported immediately on the school Covid e mail and learning mentors will contact you regarding the next steps to be taken, following your child's immediate isolation.

Please note that there is a change to government guidance for those with Covid ending isolation after 5 full days following two negative tests to take effect from Monday 17th January. We are still following the 7 day guidance for today and over the weekend. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>)

Timings of the School Day

May I remind you that children in Years Reception to 6 must be in class no later than 8.55 am. The gates open at 8.40 am to allow for a 15-minute window for arrival in school. Gates will be closed at 8.55 am. If your child arrives after their respective start time then they should report to the school office to be signed in as late as registration will have closed. Persistent lateness is regularly monitored and discussed with the school's attendance officer. Thank you for ensuring a smooth and prompt start to your child's learning day and for avoiding unnecessary interruption to the start of the day for all other children in their class.

We are delighted to once again offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs which are running every day after school this term. Please register your child for a place if they would like to join in the fun.

We will continue to need confirmation of these negative tests through the NHS app before we can re admit children and staff back into school following this reduced isolation period.

Have a relaxing weekend. My very best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

In EYFS this week, children have been displaying some fantastic school qualities as they go about their daily routines in class and around school. I am particularly impressed with the positive attitudes to learning that children are demonstrating as well as how they are being more self-sufficient and independent in their learning. Children in Nursery have been very inquisitive about the wintry weather this week, exploring how ice has formed in the outside area and different ways they can make it melt. It has been lovely to see the children using their imagination to create their own buses out of old boxes and junk materials - we went on some super bus journeys! Reception have loved science this week, and after reading 'If I Built a Car', they made ramps for their vehicles and then tested out which ones travelled fastest. They made some great predictions before conducting their experiments too. Well done children, another fantastic week!

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

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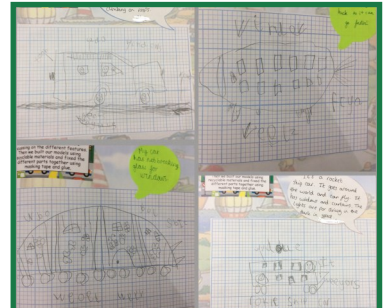
Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have had an amazing time playing in our wonderful outdoor area. They have had fun making lots of sand castles and tracks for the cars.

This week in Kingfishers nursery we have been having lots of fun making a train with the junk modelling and talking about different types of transport.

Learning in Reception

After reading 'If I Built a Car' we designed our own special cars focusing on the different features it might have. We were excited to build our cars out of junk modelling.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

In the Lower Phase this week, we have thoroughly enjoyed our first full week back. The children in all three year groups have been buzzing with both excitement and productivity. During this week's phase assembly, the children talked about what they had been learning and children's successes were celebrated from both in and out of school. In Year 1, the children have been thoroughly enjoying taking their learning outdoors, and have learnt about different animals focusing this week on reptiles. They even used reptiles as their stimulus to create artwork using reptile skin patterns. In Year 2, the children have learnt about the seven continents and five oceans. They have begun learning about the country, India - everyone is very excited about their WOW day next week! Continuing with geography learning, Year 3 have been learning about the different countries in the United Kingdom and which foods we associate with them. The children are all very motivated to learn and are working towards earning house points for their houses.

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Learning in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the teeth and diet of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They have enjoyed using salt dough to create dinosaur teeth.

Learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about the equator and the hot and cold regions of the world. We learnt about the North and South poles and did a weather report comparing the weather in the UK to India.

Learning in Year 3

In science this week, Year 3 looked inside lilies and identified that different parts of the flower. Then we made 3D models of the lilies and labelled all of the parts that we saw in the real flowers.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have had a fantastic week of learning in the Upper Phase! Year 4 went on their visit to Birmingham Sealife Centre and came back buzzing with excitement. They learnt lots of facts about different underwater species and attended a workshop on ocean pollution. Year 5 have also had an exciting week as they visited Twycross Zoo. They managed to spot lots of animals, which they have been learning about, as part of their topic on the rainforest. We are incredibly proud of both year groups as they were impeccably behaved and asked lots of thought-provoking questions during their workshops. Year 6 have their visits to look forward to next week; the first will be a visit from Al Sylvester - an inspirational speaker who survived the treacherous conditions of Antarctica. Please continue to look on Seesaw for updates of any trips and visits that the children will be going on.

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Learning in Year 4

On Tuesday, Year 4 went on a trip to the Sea Life Centre for our WOW day. We explored the centre and looked at all the different creatures such as turtles, jellyfish, otters, sharks, fish and many more. We had a behind the scenes tour of the centre and learnt all about how plastics in the ocean affect the different creatures and what we can do to help tackle this problem.

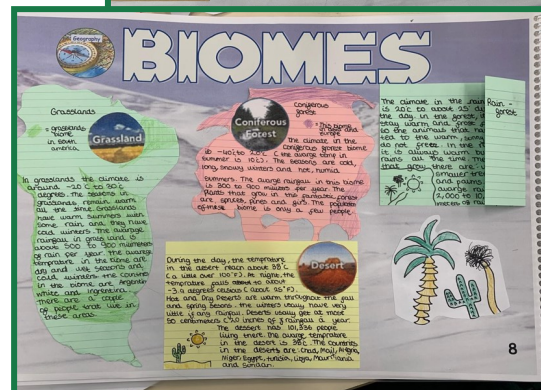
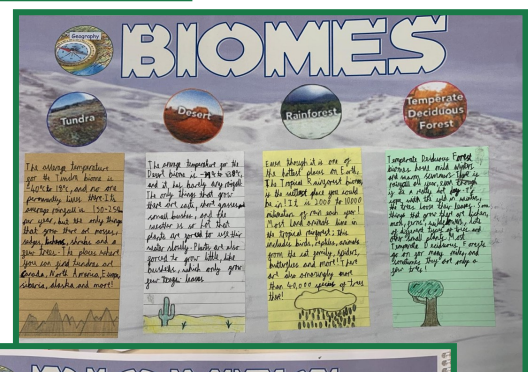
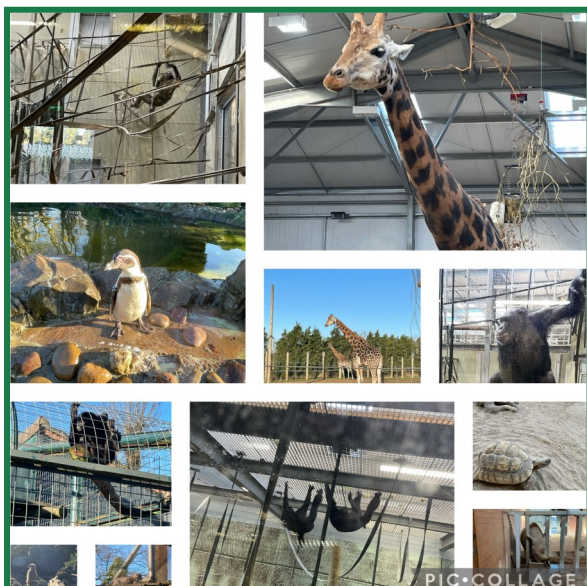
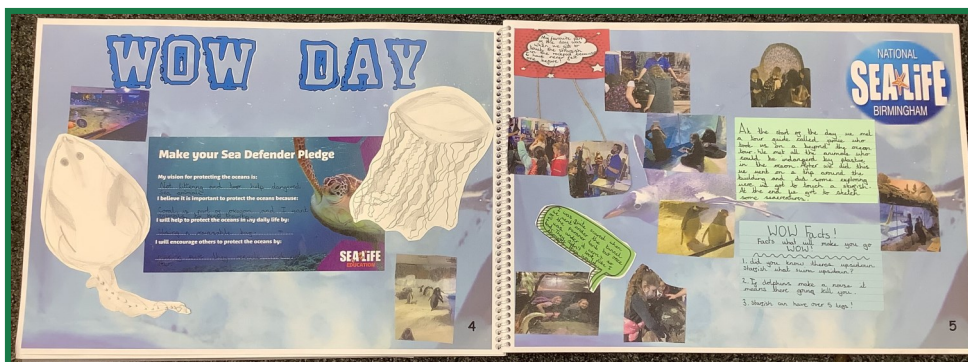
Everyone had a great day out and learnt lots of interesting facts.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic time on our wow day trip to Twycross Zoo. The monkeys were especially entertaining and engaging as they came very close to the viewing areas, pulling faces and posing for the children. The children have learnt about a range of animals and the conservation projects that are in place.

Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning about the different biomes of the world. We researched the different biomes and their characteristics, found their locations and found out about the people and animals that live in each one. We then presented our information beautifully in our books - fantastic learning, Year 6!



Tech Club

Spaces available!

Manor Park Primary - "Tech Club" Year's 4,5 & 6
Monday's After-school

If you would like your child to take part, please send a SMS Text or Whatsapp message with the following information to Mrs Grewal:
07503 977497

Child's name & Class



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Self-sufficient

Medical Appointments

The school has a large number of children attending medical appointments during school hours.
We understand it may not always be possible to book or attend an appointment out of school hours, however we do encourage parents to do so whenever possible to minimise disruption to the children's learning.

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The CHAMPS children have been busy with winter thymed crafts this week.

Early years had fun designing mittens for a garland



While the older children showed off their sewing skills, making patterns on jumpers



To book sessions email k_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

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