

7th January 2022



A message from our Deputy Headteacher: Becky Hodt

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic break. We are delighted to have the children back to start a brand new term. We have had a busy and exciting start to the term with all of the children working hard on their learning and earning lots of house points for showing our SOAR personal qualities.

The children enjoyed some snow yesterday afternoon, which they were all very excited about. As always, we will ensure that school remains fully open during any periods of bad weather if it is at all possible to do so. We will inform parents by letter and on the website if we do have to close due to extreme weather, so please check the website if the weather conditions rapidly change and are a concern.

As I'm sure you are aware, Covid cases are rising across the country and there has been some changes to the rules and guidance around testing. We would encourage you all to be testing your children regularly using lateral flow tests and to remind them of the importance of washing their hands and keeping themselves as safe as possible.

If your child has a positive lateral flow test or is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, please report it on our website reporting page, which is located in the '[Contact Us](#)' section of our website. A member of staff will then be in touch with you to give further guidance.

If your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case, you will receive a letter which will give you all of the information you need about the government recommendations. You can also use our Covid email address to contact us with any questions you may have regarding Covid rules and regulations [covid19@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

In order to help us keep our school environment as safe as possible, we would encourage parents to wear a mask when they are on the school site and to maintain social distancing as much as possible. Staff and visitors will continue to wear masks in communal areas as per government guidelines.

Thank you for your support in ensuring a safe environment for all.

Welcome to Miss Sian Pearson and Mrs Kayleigh Wiles who have joined our teaching staff this term. Miss Pearson will be working across various year groups and classes to provide cover and support and Mrs Wiles will be teaching Class 9.

Have a wonderful start to the year.

Kind Regards

Becky Hodt

## EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

Happy new year to you all! I hope you enjoyed the holiday, spending time with family and friends.

EYFS children have been very excited this week to return to school to see their friends and teachers, sharing lots of wonderful news and stories! It has been fantastic to teach children in both Nursery and Reception this week; I've had the opportunity to see children thoroughly engaged and enjoying their learning both inside and outside the classroom. Nursery children have loved joining in with stories and rhymes this week, learning some of the repeating phrases - they have been sitting so beautifully during our group sessions and are trying very hard to listen - well done! Reception children are thoroughly enjoying their new topic 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles'; they have been spotting different kinds of vehicles in the local area and collecting data. Great research Reception!

It has been a very positive and enjoyable start to the term.

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

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### Learning in Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back into Wrens & Robins nursery after the Christmas break. All ready for another wonderful fun packed term.

This week in Kingfishers nursery we have been helping to build an obstacle course. We have enjoyed travelling in a range of different ways using our balancing skills.

### Learning in Reception

This week we have started our new topic 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles' and focused on collecting data about the different transport the children use to get to school. We also went out onto Ulverscroft Road and completed a tally chart of the different vehicles we spotted.



## Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and they have made a brilliant start to the spring term. In Year 1, the new topic 'Hear Me Roar' was launched with a dinosaur hunt around the school! The children had a brilliant afternoon exploring the school and grounds and they used geographical language to describe where they had found the dinosaurs. They are all really looking forward to the trip to All Things Wild in a couple of weeks. This week in Year 2, the children have started their topic 'All Around the World'. They have created their own globes using papier mache and their knowledge of the continents and oceans. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed trying food from different European countries such as Belgian chocolate, Danish pastries and haggis to launch their topic 'Food Glorious Food'. The children across the Lower Phase are very excited about their topics and we are looking forward to seeing more fantastic learning from them.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

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### Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 were introduced to their exciting new topic Hear Me Roar. The children went on an outdoor hunt looking for...dinosaurs of course! They will be able to tell you all about which dinosaurs they spotted and where they were hiding. We were really impressed with the children's understanding of positional language too. Well done Year 1!

### Learning in Year 2

Our new topic in Year 2 for this term is Around the World. To help us find the countries we are going to be learning about, we have started to make papier mache globes. We started to learn about the 5 oceans of the world and learnt that the world is made up of 71% water!

### Learning in Year 3

This week to start their new 'Food Glorious Food' topic, Year 3 tasted different foods from around Europe, identified capital cities then researched famous landmarks from those cities. We tasted Croissants from France, Belgian buns, Swiss chocolate and smoked sausage and pretzels from Germany. We loved tasting the different foods and learning about each country.

## Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

A very Happy New Year to you all! The children have come back to school with lots of enthusiasm and eagerness to start their new topics. Year 4 have started their new topic 'Waves' and will be visiting the Sealife Centre in Birmingham next week to learn all about how pollution is affecting our oceans. In Year 5, they have been using their map skills to find out about South America as part of their new topic 'Spirit of Samba' They will be visiting Twycross Zoo next week as part of their WOW event to find out about the animals of the rainforest. Year 6 have been learning about the Polar Regions this week as part of their topic 'Frozen Planet'. They have been reading Shackleton's Journey in English and will in a couple of weeks' time be meeting a real-life explorer to find out about the treacherous conditions of Antarctica. We would love to share these exciting events with you and hope you will look at the work produced this term on your child's Seesaw page.

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### Learning in Year 4

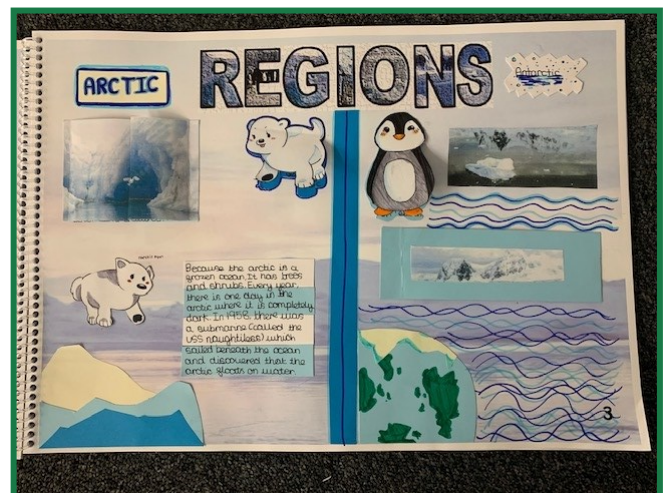
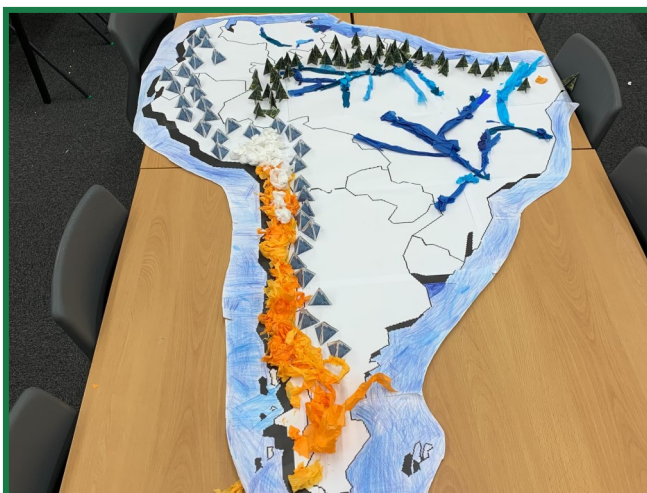
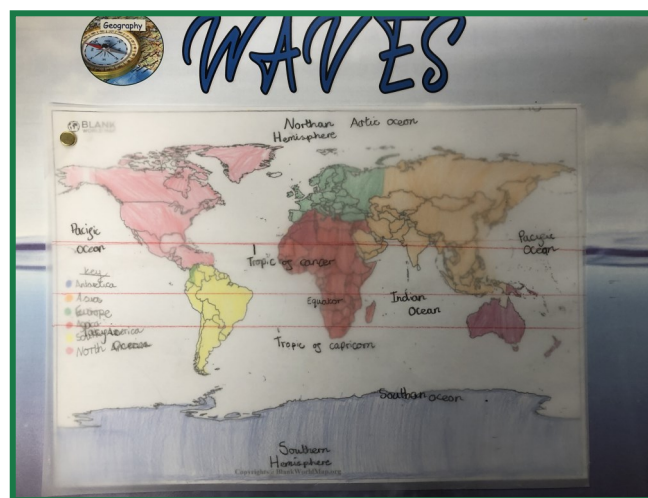
Year 4 have been learning about the location of major oceans, the tropics, and the equator on a world map. First, the children coloured in each of the 7 continents and, after they used tracing paper to locate the oceans, equator and tropics.

### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been exploring the physical characteristics of South America. As part of this we have created a whole class 3D map of the continent including mountains, rainforests, rivers and deserts.

### Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been beginning to learn more about the two Polar Regions: The Arctic and Antarctica. As part of our new topic, Frozen, our children will gain a better understanding of the two Tundra and learn about the impact that these two parts of the world have on our climate. Excellent efforts this week, Year 6. We are very excited to have you back in school and are very excited to see all the wonderful work that is produced this term.



### Wellie Recycling

To help with the recycling of any old or unused wellies you may have at home, we would love to use them to develop outdoor areas of the school by creating our very own planters. So if you do have any spare wellies that are not needed at home, please bring them in and give them to Mrs Bowler, on a Thursday or Friday in Class 22.

Thank you



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### Safequarding Our After School Clubs

For any of our parents with children who access our after-school activities, can we ask that you inform the school office if your child has been in school but is not going to attend after school. This will ensure that we are not trying to locate your child unnecessarily when taking the after school registers.

Many Thanks

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### Nut Free School

We have many children in our school that have nut allergies and even the smell of nuts can set off a reaction. Please can you ensure that your child does not bring any form of nut into school and please be aware that some chocolates and spreads also contain nuts.



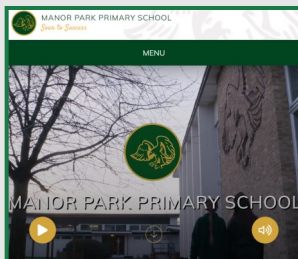
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