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Manor Park
Primary
School

Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope that you are all keeping safe and well. I want to take this opportunity to once again thank you for all your continued support and hard work with your child's home schooling. Please know that we are all thinking of you and sending positive thoughts your way. If we can help in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact any of us.

We hope that you have enjoyed receiving your child's annual report which has been sent home this week. This report has been written based on March assessments and includes comments on learning up until lockdown, as well as online learning during school closure. It has been wonderful to read about the children's many outstanding achievements and to see them maintain excellent rates of progress whilst working in a totally different way from home. Congratulations to them all on their many successes. We are all so proud of them.

Please do not worry that your child has missed several weeks of school-based learning this term. Our staffing model for September has been established with additional teaching capacity and booster groups built within it, to support every child in their learning journey. Our outstanding team will quickly back fill any learning and get children back onto their expected learning journey. The most important thing is the job you are all doing, keeping safe, giving your children invaluable opportunities to spend time with family, experience new life skills and ensure they feel happy, safe and relaxed.

School closes today for the half term holiday to children except those of key workers. It will remain closed for all children except these groups on Monday 1st June, for a Coventry-wide reset and recovery day (to enable staff training and preparation for the next phase). There will be no online learning set during this period. Online learning will commence on Tuesday June 2nd.

Safe Return to School for Designated Year Groups

Thank you for your prompt replies to our request to book a place for your child to return to school if they are in one of the designated year groups and are given permission by the government to return. Those of you who have not yet made a booking and would like to do so are able to, as the booking system will remain live.

We have been informed today by the Local Authority that we are unable to take any further actions relating to notifying parents about the return of designated groups identified by the government, until further government announcements are made on May 28th and then confirmed by the Local Authority. I am therefore very sorry to inform you that we will not be able to open school up to any children other than those of key worker children during the week beginning June 1st. I want to reassure you that we are very committed and well prepared to take more children back into school, and we will do this as soon as we possibly can. We will update you with details on when we may be able to do so in the week following the half term holiday, following advice from the government and Local Authority who also need to approve all our risk assessments relating to wider opening.

In preparation for a proposed reopening in the future, we have created a handbook and information area on the homepage of our website, which we will update as we get new information. There is a link to an area for each year group who may be able to return to school. Please refer to this regularly to keep fully updated with what is, a daily changing picture. A copy of the handbook is attached to this newsletter for your information.

As part of our preparations for wider opening, and as key worker numbers continue to grow, we have adjusted the provision, entrances and staff for children of key workers and our vulnerable children. A letter has been sent to all these children today giving them details of their new arrangements which will take effect from June 1st.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term holiday. Online learning will re-start on Tuesday June 2nd for all children except those of key workers and vulnerable groups.

My very best wishes to you all.

Take care, stay safe and fingers crossed for continued good news in the press.

Best wishes to you all

Jill O'Connor - Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed learning all about light and dark and how the planets move around the sun. We have enjoyed making our own play dough planets and exploring shadows.

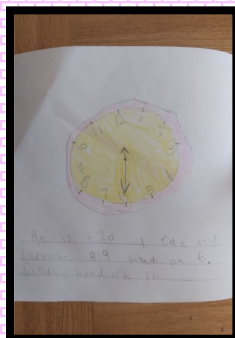


EYEP

This week in EYEP, the children have been getting creative and making super snake sock puppets!



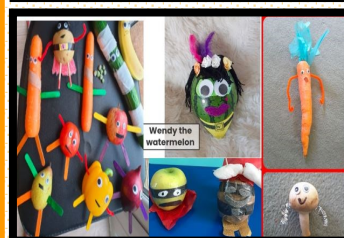
Year R



This week, Reception have been practising using everyday language related to time, they even had a go at making their own clocks!

Year 1

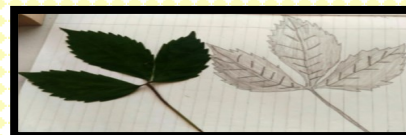
'Year 1 have loved exploring the story Supertato this week. These are some of the amazing characters they have been making at home.'



Year 2



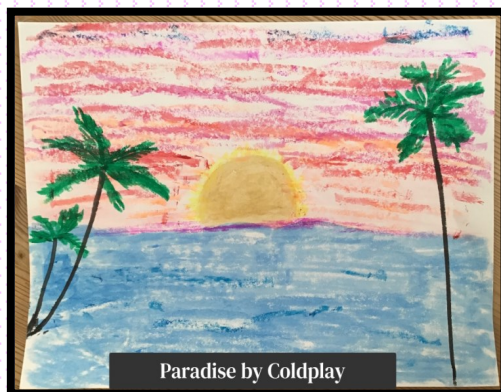
This half term, Year 2 have been learning all about castles. We have learnt about how castles have changed over time, where castles are located around the UK and created our own coat of arms! Here are some examples of some wonderful work we've had this half term, well done everyone! Have a lovely half term!



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been using natural resources to sketch and to make 'Iron Age Settlement'.

Year 4



This week, Year 4 created some amazing art work based on their inspiration from a chosen song.

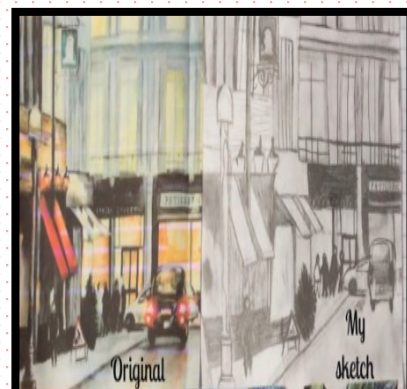


The children learnt about and created artwork to celebrate Eid.

Year 5

Year 6

This week, we were researching and creating fact files on Coventrian artists and Hiyori sketched a painting by Margaret Ramskill. Her work was just as good as the original.



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Our theme for this week is:

'Take notice'

Half term has appeared as quick as a flash and we still find ourselves in a period of uncertainty. Whilst some things begin to get back to 'normal', it still remains a challenge for many. Today I wanted to share a poem with you which captures how so many of us are feeling.

This poem truly encapsulates the feelings of so many of us. Remember and reflect on the important things in your lives.

Make changes for the better and focus on the positives.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Mrs Healy

Website/app of the week: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/seven-techniques-for-helping-kids-keep-calm>

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

Challenge of the week: Make a list of all the good things about your family members, maybe you could make it into a certificate.

*And the people
stayed home.*

And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised,
and made art, and played games, and learned new ways
of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some
meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their
shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people
living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless
ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined
together again, they grieved their losses, and made new
choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways
to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

—Kitty O'Meara



On Monday, KS1 had fun printing with fruit and vegetables and created these beautiful rainbows!

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