

YEAR R NEWSLETTER



Autumn 1 2020

Our Reception Team would like to welcome all the new Reception children and their families to Manor Park Primary School. We are very proud at how well the children are already settling into their new routines. They are excited about exploring the environment, both inside and outside, and they are enthusiastic to learn new skills and make new friends. In the Autumn Term, we spend a lot of time settling the children into their new environment, new routines and helping them to get to know the adults they will be working with. We will be establishing class rules and standards for behaviour and also getting to know the children really well.

The children will also be actively involved in daily Literacy, Maths and Phonics lessons. We will be planning learning opportunities which are carefully designed to support each child in their individual levels of development. In Literacy the children will be supported to develop their talking and listening, early reading, writing and phonic skills. We will share stories and the children will be bringing home their first reading books at some point during this half term.

In Maths the children will explore counting, number recognition, matching, ordering and they will begin to write numbers. We will be teaching them how to apply their number skills through games, songs and rhymes. We will be naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes, making and repeating patterns, finding 1 more than and 1 less than a number and beginning to add and subtract. As with the Literacy work, the Maths work will be directed at a level suitable for your child. We will be sending home regular newsletters which will explain some of the learning which will take place and the ways in which you can support your child's learning.



Our Learning Journey

We will also be supporting the children to explore their developing understanding of the world in which they live through carefully planned topics of interest throughout the year. Our topics for this half term are 'Conkers' and 'Let's Make Friends!'. The children will be able to talk about their friends, families and who their special people are. We will talk about what makes a good friend and about making friends. This will then lead onto our next topic where the children will be encouraged to explore the changing seasons by using their senses, sharing their experiences and talking about their observations.

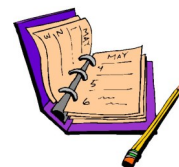
The children will have daily access to our Outdoor Area where they can use their developing physical skills to explore the large play equipment, sand, water, target games, bikes, scooters and mud kitchen. We encourage the children to use all the resources safely and with a purpose. We will also be exploring our beautiful forest school. The children will need to have coats and wellies in school to access our outdoor learning environment during wet and cold weather.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 23rd September - Wow Event Autumn Treasure Hunt in the forest school

Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October - Parents Evening - (further details to follow closer to the time)



Settling In!

Starting school is a very exciting time for children, parents and teachers. Most children settle into their new school routines very quickly. A few may need a little extra support and all of the staff at Manor Park Primary School are here to help. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask one of our Early Years Staff.

Please ensure that you remember to label all of your child's belongings. It is also very useful for your child to have a set of spare clothes in a named bag which can stay on their peg just in case they need to change for any reason.



USEFUL LINKS

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies - lots of fun programmes, activities and games relating to familiar characters to watch and share with your child.

