



MANOR PARK CE (VC) FIRST SCHOOL &  
PRE-SCHOOL

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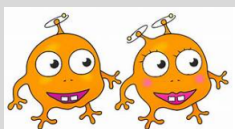
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Dear parents and carers of Reception

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term here at Manor Park First School. We hope you have all had a lovely break and are ready to join us back at school. Here is some information to outline what your child will be learning this half term in all the different curriculum areas. Do encourage your child to tell you about what they have been learning at school – it really helps the children to secure their learning when they discuss it with others.

In **English (communication and language, phonics, reading and writing)** we are learning:



This term we are carrying on with Pip and Pap phonics. The children will continue to learn new sounds and Earth words and this will help them with their reading and writing. The children will have their books changed twice a week and will need to read at least 5 times a week.

In writing we will be focusing on superheroes and people who help us. Our key texts will be Supertato, Busy People, Busy Lives and When We Are Asleep...

We will:

- Write some upper case letters correctly.
- Writes most lower case letters correctly using a tripod grip.
- Say the sound for each Phase 2 and 3 grapheme.
- Write cvc words and labels using Phase 2 and 3 phonemes.
- Spell some Earth words.
- Write captions.
- Starting to write short sentences.
- Use finger spacing between words.
- Read sentences back to an adult.

In **Understanding the World** we are learning:

We will:



#### **Past and Present**

- Talk about significant historical events and how things were different in the past.

#### **People, Culture and Communities**

- Have a wider understanding of the wider world and draw comparisons between our own local environment and other places.
- Look at, and make maps of local environment.
- Describe a journey within the local environment.
- Talk about some features of a Christian Church and know that the school is connected to the church in Fordington.

#### **Natural World**

- Has a good general knowledge about living things and the natural world and can describe features of different plants and animals recognising when they are the same and different.
- Understand and use some language related to animals, e.g. camouflage, predator, nocturnal, diurnal.

In **Personal social and emotional development** (PSED) we are learning:

In our Jigsaw lessons we are looking at **Dreams and Goals**

We will start by understanding what a challenge is, learning how we need to persevere. We will look at setting our own goals and understand how we can feel proud of our achievements.



In **Mathematics** we are:

- Developing sense of numbers beyond 5 and subitising to 6.
- Confidently talking about the different ways that numbers can be made to 5 and applying this knowledge to numbers to 10.
- Linking subtraction facts to composition of numbers to 5.
- Recalling some double facts to 10.
- Learning our odd and even numbers.
- Learning about capacity and mass.



In **Expressive Arts** we are learning to:

- Use different techniques and materials to achieve the desired effect and talk about what has been created.
- Mix colours to produce different shades and combine materials to create different textures.
- Beginning to plan a design before starting.
- Use a range of tools and equipment and select the most appropriate tool or joining material for the job.



In **Physical development** we are learning to:

- Create short sequences using shapes, balances and travelling actions.
- Develop balancing and safely using apparatus.
- Develop jumping and landing safely from a height.
- Develop rocking and rolling.
- Explore travelling around, over and through apparatus.
- Create sequences using apparatus.



In **RE** we are learning:

Why is the word God so important to Christians?



**Additional class information:**

Library books

Library books will now be changed on a Monday. It is really important that books are brought back each week so we can change them. Please enjoy sharing these together.

Reading books:

It is important that you read at home at least 5 times a week. We have now started to count our reads and the children will receive badges for 25, 50, 75 and 100 reads. The books will include sounds that your child has learnt and Earth words which are the words where we just haven't learnt the code yet. We will be changing books twice a week on Tuesday and Friday.

### Tapestry

We will be using Tapestry for our wow moments both at home and at school. If you need to contact the Reception team about anything else then please contact the office.

### Reminders

PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please can all children come in their navy blue PE kit on this day. Thank you.

We look forward to a fantastic term!

The Reception Team