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LOVE FOR LEARNING

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 1

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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 get back to school. Here is some information to outline what your children will be learning this 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.

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| <p>In Mathematics we are learning:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • about place value; in particular numbers across 100 • about counting in groups. We will be using concrete objects and arrays to solve one step problems • to recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes. | <p>In English we are learning:</p> <p>We will be using two key texts 'Lost and Found' and 'The Dot' Our focus for our English writing will be to:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a narrative including feeling words. • Write a diary entry from the perspective of the penguin. • Write a recount about the events that happen in the book • Write instructions how to mix different colours and how to start painting |
| <p>In RE we are learning about Judaism. We will be thinking and learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is precious to Jewish people? • What does a mezuzah remind Jewish people about? • How and why do Jewish people celebrate Shabbat? | <p>In Geography we are learning about where we live.</p> <p>As part of our learning, the children will be learning about the area of Dorchester. We will learn about physical and human features, and will explore key landmarks on our field trip in Week 2. We will look at maps and aerial photos of Dorchester and locate different features in the area.</p> <p>We will learn about the weather and create a weather chart for Dorchester.</p> |
| <p>In PE we are learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnastics - we will learn travelling actions, shapes, balances, jumps, barrel roll, straight roll and forward roll progressions | <p>In Art we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploring pencil control and making different marks (dots, dashes, scribbles) • using wax crayons and chalks for different effects • learning about primary colours |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance - travel, copying and performing actions, using shape, balance, coordination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours and naming them |
| <p>In PHSE we will be exploring our 'dreams and goals'.</p> <p>We will explore our aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this</p> | <p>In Music we are learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep a regular pulse • to start to understand the difference between pulse and rhythm. • to create simple rhythms using words • to start to understand how we can notate rhythms |
| <p>In Computing we will be learning about programming;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explain what a given command will do • To act out a given word • To combine forwards and backwards commands to make a sequence • To combine four direction commands to make sequences • To plan a simple program • To find more than one solution to a problem | |

Additional class information:

Spellings

Year 1 will bring home their 'Earth words'. Please practise these words with the children at home and support them to recognise and read them with speed.

Reading

Reading on a daily basis is very important in Year 1. Please encourage your child to read their school book **daily**. Also don't forget sharing a book and reading a book of choice to your child is a lovely time to spend together.

Maths

From January children will be issued passwords to Mathseeds! This is a fun, interactive and rewarding online programme that will support foundational maths and problem solving skills.

PE

Parrot Class - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Octopus Class - Tuesdays and Fridays

We look forward to a fantastic Spring 1 term,

Year 1 Team