



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

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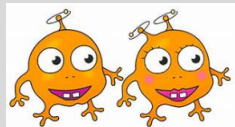
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Dear Parents and Carers of Reception

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 the stories 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', 'There is No Big Bad Wolf in This Story' and Spring poems.

We will:

- write some upper-case letters correctly.
- write 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
- start to write short sentences
- use finger spacing between words
- Read sentences back to an adult.

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



All about maps! We will have a go at drawing some of our own maps from our experiences around school and also in our local community. We will have a go at drawing maps to help Mr Wolf to buy his pancake ingredients! We will make our own pancakes - observing, measuring and recording how the materials change when combined, heated and cooled. We will also be learning about seasonal changes and looking for the signs of Spring. Local farmer Chrissy Hancock will be visiting us to help us with our learning about the life cycle of the chicken just in time for the Easter chicks and celebrations to begin.

People, Culture and Communities

- look at, and make maps, of local environment
- describe a journey within the local environment
- understand and use some language related to animals, e.g. camouflage, predator, nocturnal, diurnal.
- 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.

In **Personal Social and Emotional Development**

(PSED) we are learning:

In our Jigsaw lessons we are looking at **Healthy me**.



We will be looking at what we need to do to be healthy. We will look at the importance of exercise and a healthy, balanced diet. How we can make healthy choices, looking after our bodies and how to keep ourselves safe.

In **Mathematics** we are:



Length and height:

- exploring the length and height of objects
- comparing the length and height of objects
- using the words short, long and tall to talk about the length and height of objects
- talking about time, and order and sequence events

Building 9 & 10:

- to find representations of 9 and 10
- to compare numbers to 10
- to represent 9 & 10
- to find 1 more
- to find 1 less
- to be able to make numbers to 10

3D shapes:

- recognise and name 3D shapes
- find 2D shapes within 3D shapes
- find 3D shapes in the environment
- identify complex patterns
- copy and continue patterns

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
- begin 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 do some Christians put a cross in their garden for Easter?

Additional class information:

Library books

Library books will 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