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



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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.

In **Mathematics** we are learning:



- Place Value numbers across 100, more/less, use language equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- Fractions recognise, find and name a half and quarter as equal parts of an object, shape or quantity
- Measurement measure and begin to record capacity and volume. Compare, describe and solve practical problems for capacity / volume [for example, full / empty, more than, less than, half, half full, quarter]
- Geometry describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns

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In **English** we will be using two key texts; A non-fiction text about reptiles and a fictional text 'The Knight who wouldn't fight.' Our books this half term will support our Science topic 'animals including humans' and our History topic 'Where did

Kings and Queens live through time'. Our focus for our English writing will be to:

- write a letter to invite a reptile owner into school to help us learn about reptiles
- recount of the reptile owner's visit
- write a report about reptiles
- write a simple narrative



In **RE** we are learning about 'What Christians think God looks like'.

We will be learning about:

- different types of prayer
- different parables
- how God can help during hard times

In **Science** we are learning about animals including humans. We will learn to:

- name and identify different characteristics of mammals, reptiles, fish, birds and amphibians
- identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense
- identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores

In **PE** we are learning about:

 Yoga: begin to learn poses and techniques that help connect mind and



In **History** we will be finding out about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have



body. Build on strength, flexibility, coordination and balance.

 Sending and receiving: develop sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping the ball.



contributed to national and international achievements.

We will be exploring and answering the question 'Where did kings and queens live through time?'

In **PHSE** we will be exploring the topic of 'Healthy Me'.

We will explore the difference between being healthy and unhealthy, and find out about ways to keep ourselves healthy.



In **Music** we are learning:

- what is pitch?
- to distinguish between different pitches - high and low
- what is tempo?
- to distinguish between different tempos fast and slow
- to create different pitches and tempos



In **Computing** we will be learning about computing systems and networks, and the technology around us. We will be exploring ways in which we can use technology responsibly and create rules to support safe practise.

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 that sharing a book and reading a book of choice to your child is a lovely way to spend time together.

<u>Maths</u>

Children now have their Mathseeds logins in the front of their yellow reading diaries. Please help your child login for the first time and explore the fun and interactive games and activities. This rewarding online programme will support your child's maths learning and problem solving skills, and is a great way to build confidence and maths fluency skills.

<u>PE</u>

Parrot Class - Tuesdays and Wednesdays Octopus Class - Tuesdays and Fridays We look forward to a fantastic Spring 2 term,

Year 1 Team