

*LOVE FOR GOD, LOVE FOR EACH OTHER
LOVE FOR LEARNING*

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Dear families 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:



- 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.

In **English** we are learning:

We will be using two key texts 'Lost and Found' and 'The Dot'. Our focus for our English writing will be to:



- 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 on how to mix different colours and how to start painting.

In **RE** we are learning about Judaism. We will be thinking and learning about:

- What is precious to Jewish people?
- What does a mezuzah remind Jewish people about?
- How and why do Jewish people celebrate Shabbat?



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In **Geography** we are learning about where we live.

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 3. We will look at maps and aerial photos of Dorchester and locate different features in the area.

We will learn about the weather and create a weather chart for Dorchester.

In **PE** we are learning about:

- Yoga: begin to learn poses and techniques that help connect mind and body. Build on strength, flexibility, coordination and balance.
- Dance - travel, copying and performing actions, using shape, balance, coordination



In **Art** we will be inspired by the work of Van Gogh. We will be:



- exploring pencil control and making different marks (dots, dashes, scribbles)
- using wax crayons and chalks for different effects
- learning about primary colours
- learning how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours and naming them.

In **PHSE** we will be exploring our 'dreams and goals'.



We will explore our aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.

In **Music** we are learning:

- 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.



In **Computing** we will be learning about programming. We will be using Beebots to help us to:

- explain what a given command will do
- act out a given word
- combine forwards and backwards commands to make a sequence
- combine four direction commands to make sequences
- plan a simple program
- 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 to support their phonic learning, this will help to increase your child's fluency and comprehension skills. Also don't forget sharing a book and reading a book of choice to your child is a lovely time to spend together.

Maths

Please continue to encourage your child to practise Mathseeds. Mathseeds is a great tool to support your child's maths learning and fluency.

PE

PE for both classes is on **Thursdays and Fridays**. Children should come to school in their PE kits on both days. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE uniform. Children need to wear their daily black school trainers for PE.

We look forward to a fantastic Spring 1 term,
Year 1 Team