



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

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are glad to be able to share that the 'Recovery Curriculum' we have put in place is going really well across the whole school and the children have settled brilliantly into their new classes. Each week we are reviewing our curriculum and this week we have reintroduced more formal Maths lessons across the whole school. The teaching and learning planned will provide opportunities for children to catch up on any key objectives missed from the previous year. As a school we hugely value the support that you - our parents and carers - give us and we are pleased to be able to tell you that we will soon be using Google Classroom to post weekly Reading, Writing and Maths learning. For children in Year 1 we will continue to use the Learning Journeys on Tapestry to share observations of learning and for you to share observations from home but we will be using Google Classroom to post learning sheets and activities to do at home. Both of these learning platforms offer different facilities and opportunities for learning.

We have also reviewed our Home Learning routines and in the light of Covid 19 have decided that we will use Google Classroom to deliver Home Learning. We used Google Classroom in Years 2 - 4 during lockdown and it was a real success and as a school we are excited by the potential of this learning platform. As has always been the case, it is up to families to complete what they can and we understand that this may vary from week to week. Children who are unable to attend school but feel well enough to complete a little learning at home will have access to learning posted on Google Classroom. As you know, we are always looking at ways to improve home / school communication and Google Classroom will provide another channel of communication in a time when communication has become more tricky for schools. Google Classroom has a private message function that allows you to write messages directly to your child's class teacher, that cannot be seen by anybody else, so please use this option if you need to contact us. The office will send out a Parents' guide to using Google Classroom next week.

Learning will begin to be posted on Google Classroom on Monday 28th September 2020. Teachers will talk the children through what has been posted and they will be able to answer any questions the children may have.

This is what you can expect to find on Google Classroom for children in Year 1

- Manor Park's previous year's Curriculum Expectations Leaflet
- Manor Park's current year's Curriculum Expectations Leaflet
- A weekly Reading, Writing and Maths activity
- A Teacher's Top Tips for a number of helpful learning ideas

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to communicating with you through Tapestry and Google Classroom - see you on there!



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