



Curriculum Newsletter

Year **R** Term 1 2020/21

Hello everyone! It was great finally meeting you all and we are so excited about you being part of the Manor community. We look forward to seeing the children tomorrow; please use the entrance on the public footpath near the school field and make your way up the playground path where we will greet your child and invite them onto the Reception outdoor play area. As this is your child's first day of school, we do not mind two adults being present for the first drop off as we know this is a momentous occasion. We will be asking you for a family password before you leave school tomorrow so that if another adult has to pick up your child, we have another measure of security in place. Additionally, we ask that you tell us if anyone other than mummy or daddy is picking up at the end of the session/day or to call Mrs Aldom in the office.

Attached to this email is our topic overview for the term. This gives you a brief outline of what we intend to teach although priority for us is getting to know your child, helping them make new friends, adjust to school life and to follow simple instructions.

If you would like further information on how we teach phonics, please head to the school website and you will find a section on the Teaching and Learning area which outlines what and how we teach your child to read.

As discussed in our individual 'Meet and Greet' sessions, the home learning books will come home soon and will have all the activities enclosed for the term. We ask that you do this on a weekly basis and not rush ahead so that it is manageable and purposeful for your child. The home learning will reflect what your child is being taught in school. Inside the home learning book we will give you user names and passwords for websites to support your child's learning and we will also include some maths activities which will help them learn the first month's objectives. If at any time you feel like your child is unable to keep up with this home learning, please see a member of the Reception team. We recommend that children do it 'little and often' (5 minutes a day). This way, they are able to remain focused and will keep on top of the learning that are doing in class.

As mentioned in our meetings, PE days will be on Thursdays and will start on Thursday 8th October. This involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy

blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please.

If your child uses an inhaler, please remember to label this and bring it to school tomorrow in a plastic sandwich bag.

If you have your child's forest school waterproofs and welly boots ready, please also name them and bring them in a named plastic bag tomorrow.

We would like to remind all families that we sent out a detailed letter in July, highlighting some of the changes we have made to our provision, in order to keep everyone safe. You can find this letter here - https://12e6a900-887b-2ffa-8468-cb536107990b.filesusr.com/ugd/8acc4f_99301ccde56745769a0c6d7f609b3934.pdf

To ensure everyone's safety, please ensure that if your child develops any covid-19 symptoms they must not come into school and they must get tested. Please keep the school informed throughout this process.

We would also like to remind our families at the beginning of the year that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box. We thank you for your understanding with this.

Year R Term 1 Key dates:

- Pupils start school full time on Monday 5th October.
- Home learning books to be returned to school on 16th October.