

The Manor Church of England VC Primary School

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Newsletter

Year R Term 1 2019/20

A very warm welcome to The Manor Primary School and Antarctica Class. This newsletter will outline some further information for you about routines and what to expect this term now that your child has started school. The children have had a great start to school already and have settled in very well.

Phonics

We will continue to play lots of sound games this term in order to ensure the children are ready to start reading (I spy, what is the sound? Rhyming and alliteration games).



The sounds that we will learn first are as follows:

s, a, t, p, i, n

Maths

By the end of Reception, we hope that all children can:



- Recognise numbers 0 to 20
- Order numbers 0 to 20
- Write numbers 0 to 20

This term, we will focus on the following:

- Counting forwards and backwards 0 to 10
- Recognising all numbers from 0 to 6
- Writing all numbers 0 to 6
- Recognising dots on a standard and non-standard dice

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	<p>Once the children are all in full time and have settled in, we will start to have some PE and Forest School sessions. The children are telling me already that they are practising with their uniforms at home and are getting dressed on their own. This is fantastic as they will feel so proud of themselves if they feel that they can dress with minimal support. Please send in P.E. kits, Forest School waterproofs and welly boots if you haven't already done so and remember to name everything clearly. We will put a rota on the noticeboard on the side of the school building once we feel the children are ready for regular sessions outdoors. We welcome support from you to run these sessions so that we can introduce skills in the Forest area such as den making and sawing.</p>
<p>Be Ready, respectful and safe!</p>	<p>We have spent a long time discussing our school rules: Be ready, respectful and safe and what this means in our class. The children are learning about how to adapt to different situations, how to negotiate, share and cooperate with their friends. They are learning routines for different parts of the day and are settling in really well. They may have talked to you about Ruby power and Diamond power and these are some of our learning gems which help us learn different skills to become a successful learner. If you want further information about this, you can read about it on our school website. They may have also talked to you about the Traffic light system. We promote positive behaviour at school at all times and reward behaviour in a variety of ways. The traffic lights are used in inappropriate behaviour has been used on several occasions and the child needs time to reflect on this. Again, if you would like to read more about our Behaviour policy, this can also be found on the school website.</p>
	<p>By now, you should have all received an invitation to join the on-line learning observations from 2buildaprofile and will hopefully have received some photographs. Please let me know if you have not received notification (sometimes, this gets stored in your spam/junk folder). We really appreciate your feedback and comments on your children's observations as it helps us form a picture of their strengths and needs. Also, we really look forward to finding out what your child gets up to out of school so if you</p>

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	have any photographs of them doing something which you are proud of, please send them to us via the 2buildaprofile emails (you have an option of replying and sending a photograph). It is really important for us to get the whole picture of your child's strengths and interests.
	Home learning will start as soon as we begin our Phonic lessons. This will first consist of name writing practice and then a handwriting activity to which focuses on the sounds that we are learning in class. The children will need an adult to help them a) hold a pencil correctly and b) form the letters correctly. Please be patient as this is a tricky task for them to do at first, however, with regular support from you, this will get a little easier. Each term the children will have a maths challenge to work on (linked to our end of year number challenge, as explained above). Home learning books will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on Monday.
	Reading diaries will also be given out soon and these will indicate the books that the children have been given to share with you. At first these will be picture books only. Please encourage your child to hold the book, turn the pages, look at the pictures and tell you what they think is happening in the story. This is a valuable part of reading – using picture cues and understanding what is happening in the story and making predictions. Please initial when you have done this in their diaries. Our school goal is for every child to read at least five times a week. At this stage of their learning, this means sharing a book or listening to a story. Once enough sounds have been learnt, your child will then start to bring home books with a few simple words in them. Each book should be read three times to develop confidence and fluency. Word lists will also be given out to help your child grasp some blending skills and these will get progressively more difficult as they become more proficient with reading.

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Year R Term 1 Key dates:

27th September – Stay and Read session (see below)
10th October – Individual child photos
23rd October – 9am, reading workshop for YR parents
22nd November – Enrichment morning
27th November – Mums in school (afternoon)
2nd- 6th December (date to be confirmed) – Reception class trip to St Johns church, Chipping Sodbury crib festival
11th December – YR and KS1 Christmas Nativity performance – 2.30pm & 5.30pm
13th December – Children's Christmas sale
17th December – Whole school trip to Bristol Hippodrome

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