



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 Term 4 2020/21

Hello everyone, this newsletter aims to give you an overview of the exciting learning we have planned for Term 4. We cannot wait to see you all together in the classroom after this period of remote learning. We have been so proud of all of our families for the way you have approached and tackled the situation and we now look forward to continuing your amazing learning in school, together.

A few reminders for the term ahead:

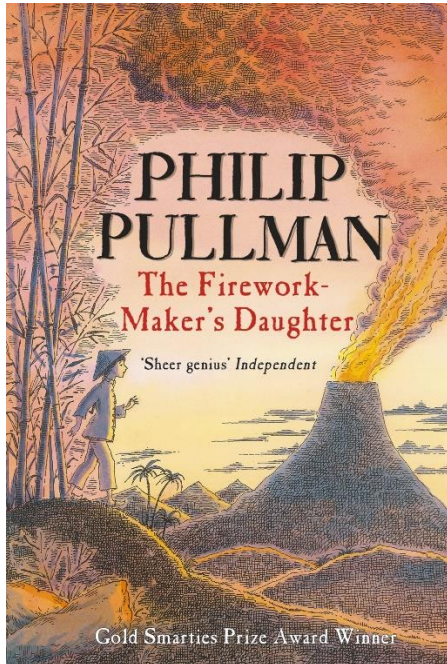
- We ask that children come to school in their full school uniform. Please refer to our school website for further information on this - <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/school-uniform>
- Children should also wear black, appropriate footwear to school. We do not permit children wearing heels or open-toed shoes for safety reasons.
- We also ask that children do not come to school wearing any jewellery or with their hair dyed.

We would also like to remind our families 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 or as a break time snack.

We would also like to reiterate that we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all. Thank you.

English

In English this term, we will be using the story 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman to inspire our writing.



We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week. We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension. We ask that you continue to maintain a reading record for use at home and we will be sending home notes to you to keep you informed of your child's reading progress.

We will continue to quarantine your child's reading books when they are brought back into school.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be focusing on fractions and decimals as well as continue to regularly practise our arithmetic skills.

This term's Key Instant Recall Facts are Roman Numerals and we will be learning these and applying them in our KIRF sessions. Alongside this we will continue to use our times tables skills to ensure we have instant recall of all of our times tables.

If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

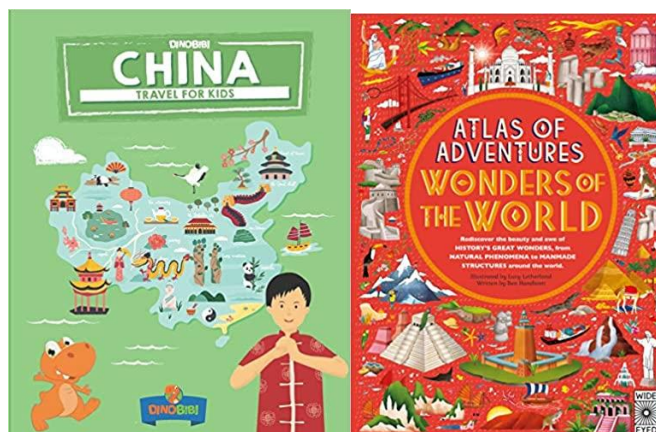
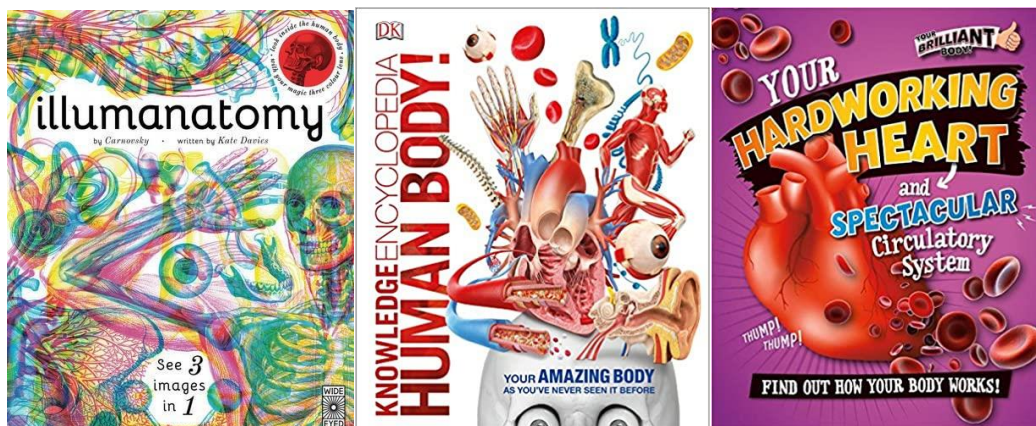
Topic Subjects

Our Foundation Subject Topic this term is "A Taste of the Orient".

It's an extremely exciting topic where we will be learning all about world geography and then exploring China in more depth. We will be looking at physical and human geography and China's position within the world. We will then be looking at the human body in our Science lessons and exploring the circulatory system and the role of the heart and lungs in our bodies. Linking to this, we will be considering how to keep our bodies healthy and the impact that food, drugs and exercise can have on both our physical and mental health. Please refer to your child's A Taste of the Orient knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is learning about in school.

Term 4 Reading Spine


These are a selection of books Year 6 children will be exploring during this topic. They have been carefully selected as high quality texts to support your child's learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read these books during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!



Your child will be taking part in P.E on Monday and Wednesday. Our first PE session of the term will be on **Wednesday 10th March 2021**. As we will not be using the cloakrooms at this time, we are asking that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that 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 you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address – Southamericaaclass@sgmail.org



We will continue to send home your child's homework for the entire term. This will include the term's spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. These have been emailed to you, shared on Purple Mash and will be sent home with the children in their homework books. **We will be asking for homework books and reading records to be brought back into school on Wednesday 31st March.** These will then be marked and returned to your child after the Easter break.

	Also, we would like to remind you that your child is able to log on with their purple mash logins to complete any extra homework and practise their learning at home.
	Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day, as at this time our water fountains will be out of use. Also please make sure that their school uniform is labelled clearly with their name and class. We ask children not to bring in their own stationery, toys or items from home into school. We will provide all the equipment that your child needs.

Unfortunately, due to government guidelines we will not be able to go on school camp this year. The government have also confirmed that SATS will not take place in 2021. Many of the children have asked about end of year plans and whether we will be able to do the production. I am not able to confirm this yet as we need to wait and see what guidance is in place from the government at this time. However, I will ensure that we celebrate the end of their time at The Manor in some way. I will let you know when I have been able to make any definite plans.

Year 6 Term 4 Key dates:

Monday 8th March 2021 – All children return to school

Monday 29th March 2021 – Salvation Day

Thursday 1st April 2021 – Last day of term 4