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



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LOVE FOR GOD, LOVE FOR EACH OTHER LOVE FOR LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers 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:

- Place Value to count, read and write numbers 100. To count in multiples of twos, fives and tens
- Multiplication and division to solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays
- Fractions -to recognise, find and name a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity
- Measurement (time) tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times
- Geometry to recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes

In **English** we will be using two fiction books; Commotion in the Ocean and The Snail and the Whale. Using these books our outcomes will be:



- to write a diary entry from the perspective of the snail
- to write detailed descriptions of a chosen sea creature
- to explore words that rhyme and use these to write their own rhyming couplets
- to write a report about snails

In **RE** we are learning about how we should we care for the world and why it matters. We shall be learning about:

- how many religions believe God created the world so all living things, including ourselves, are special
- what we can do to help others in my community and why this is important to me

In **Geography** we are learning to:

 to name the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas



- to name key landmarks in the United Kingdom
- to recognise the natural environment in the UK and describe it using key vocabulary
- to use a UK wall map or atlas to locate and identify the four countries

In **PE** we are learning about:

Athletics - we are learning about moving at different speeds over different distances, developing balance,



In **Art** we will be inspired by the artist, Andy Goldsworthy.



changing direction quickly, hopping, jumping and leaping at distance, throwing for distance, and throwing for accuracy.

Striking and Fielding - we are learning about underarm throwing and catching, develop overarm throwing, develop hitting a ball, develop collecting a ball, how to get a batter out, and to play games and score points.



We will also be preparing for Sports Day - a letter will be sent to parents/carers this week with details.

- We will be exploring sculpture and will be making a model using natural and man-made materials.
- We will also be practising the skills of painting; naming and recognising primary and secondary colours and using a paint brush to dap, smooth, wash, stroke etc.
- We will learn to control the paint and water mix to create different thickness.



In **PSHE** we will be exploring the topic of 'Changing Me'.

We will be learning how to cope positively with change, in particular the changes we will see in our bodies as we grow.



In **Music** we are:

- recapping all Musical Elements vocabulary:
 Pitch, Dynamics, Tempo, Timbre, Pulse,
 Rhythm
- understanding how the musical elements can be used to represent a story



In **Computing** we will be learning about on-screen programming through Scratch Jr. Learners will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs. Learners will also be introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.

Additional class information:

Spellings

Please continue to practise reading and writing 'Earth words' and support them to recognise and read them with speed.

Reading

Encourage your child to read their school book **daily**. Also don't forget sharing a book and reading a book of choice to your child is a lovely time to spend together.

<u>Maths</u>

Please continue to support your child at home and encourage them to use the 'Mathseed' program. Login details are in the front of their yellow reading diary. This rewarding online programme will support your child's maths learning and problem-solving skills, and is a great way to build confidence and maths fluency skills.

PE Parrot Class - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Octopus Class - Tuesdays and Fridays