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



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Dear Families of Year 1 February 2025

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 numbers across 100, more/less, use language equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- Fractions recognise, find and name a half and quarter as equal parts of an object, shape or quantity
- Measurement measure and begin to record capacity and volume. Compare, describe and solve practical problems for capacity / volume [for example, full / empty, more than, less than, half, half full, quarter]
- Geometry describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns

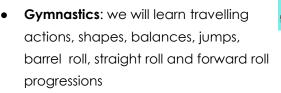
In **English** we will be using two key texts; A fictional text 'The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight' and a non-fiction text about reptiles. Our books this half term will support our Science topic 'animals including humans' and our History topic 'Where did Kings and Queens live through time?'. Our focus for our English writing will be to:

- write a descriptive piece 'How to be a Knight' and 'How to be a dragon'
- write a letter to invite a reptile owner into school to help us learn about reptiles
- recount the reptile owner's visit and Lulworth Castle trip
- write a report about reptiles
- write a simple narrative

In **Science** we are learning about animals including humans. We will learn to:

- name and identify different characteristics of mammals, reptiles, fish, birds and amphibians
- identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense
- identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores

In **PE** we are learning about:



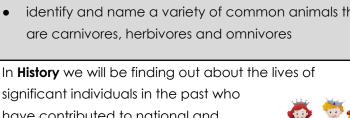
**Sending and Receiving**: develop sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping the ball.

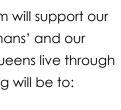
In **RE** we are learning 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'.



significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.

We will be learning:









•	the timeline of the Easter story
•	about Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter

We will be exploring and answering the question 'Where did kings and queens live through time?'

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

In **Music** we are learning about:



We will explore the difference between being healthy and unhealthy, and find out about ways to keep ourselves healthy.



- pitch distinguishing between high and low pitches
- tempo distinguishing between fast and slow tempo
- creating different pitches and tempos



Sunday.

In **Computing** we will be learning about 'data and information'. We will begin to use labels to put objects into groups and sort objects based on the properties we choose. We will then use our grouping knowledge to answer questions about data.

#### Additional class information:

### **Spellings**

Year 1 will bring home their 'Earth words'. Please practise these words with the children at home and support them to recognise and read them with speed.

#### Reading

Reading on a daily basis is very important in Year 1. Please encourage your child to read their school book **daily**. Also don't forget that sharing a book and reading a book of choice to your child is a lovely way to spend time together.

#### Maths

Please continue to support your child to explore the fun and interactive games and activities on Mathseeds. 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.

<u>PE</u> - Thursdays and Fridays

We look forward to a fantastic Spring 2 term,

Year 1 Team