



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

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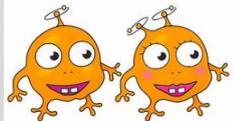
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Dear Parents and Carers of Reception,

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 join us back at school. Here is some information to outline what your child will be learning this half 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 **English (communication and language, phonics, reading and writing)** we are learning:



This term we are carrying on with Pip and Pap phonics. The children will continue to learn new sounds and 'Earth words' and this will help them with their reading and writing. The children will have their books changed twice a week and will need to read at least 5 times a week.

In writing we will be focusing on the stories 'A Great Adventure' and 'Whatever Next'.

We will:

- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.
- Spell words by identifying the sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

In **Understanding the World** we are learning:



About life below us in the ocean and above us in space. We will be looking at how the world is affected by plastic pollution and what we can do to help protect it. We will explore pirates, who they were and what they did. When we travel to space we will be looking at the first moon landing and exploring the different planets and comparing them to our own. We will also be looking at the season of summer and comparing this with the other seasons.

#### **ELG - Past & Present**

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their own experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class.

#### **ELG - People, Culture & Communities**

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observations, discussions, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
- Know some similarities between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge

from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.

#### ELG - Natural World

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

In **Personal Social and Emotional Development** (PSED) we are learning:

In our Jigsaw lessons we are looking at **Relationships**.

We will be looking at ourselves and our bodies. We will be looking at how we change from babies into adults as well as thinking about how we feel about going into year 1.



In **Mathematics** we are:

#### Sharing and grouping

- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including even and odd, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.



#### Visualise, build and map

- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
- Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.

#### Make connections

- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.

In **Expressive Arts** we are learning to:

#### ELG - Creating with Materials

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function
- Share their creations, explaining the processes they have used
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narrative and stories



#### ELG - Being imaginative & Expressive

- Invent, adapt and recount narrative and stories with peers and their teachers
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs
- Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music

In **Physical Development** we are learning to:

- Aim when throwing and practise keeping score.
- Follow instructions and move safely when playing tagging games.
- Play against a partner.
- Develop coordination and play by the rules.
- Explore striking a ball and keeping score.
- Work co-operatively as a team.



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

In **RE** we are learning:

Which places are special and why?

We will be focusing on the religions of Christianity and Islam - looking at special places and the stories that are special to these religions.



**Additional class information:**

Library books

Library books will be changed on a **Wednesday for Robin Class** and **Thursday for Rabbit Class**. It is really important that books are brought back each week so we can change them. Please enjoy sharing these together.

Reading books:

It is important that you read at home at least 5 times a week. The children really enjoy receiving their badges for 25, 50, 75 and 100 reads. The books will include sounds that your child has learnt and Earth words which are the words where we just haven't learnt the code yet. We will be changing books twice a week on Monday and Thursday.

Tapestry

We will be using Tapestry for our wow moments both at home and at school. If you need to contact the Reception team about anything else then please contact the office. We would love to see what you are doing at home. Please keep us updated with activities you are doing.

Reminders

**PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday.** Please can all children come in their navy blue PE kit on this day.  
Thank you.

We look forward to a fantastic term!  
The Reception Team