



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

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Dear Families of Year 1,

Welcome back to the new half 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:

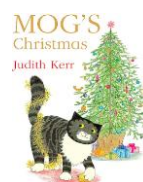
- about place value; we will be ordering numbers whilst using vocab greater than/less than/equal to.
- about addition and subtraction. We will be adding and taking away numbers using practical and pictorial methods and writing number sentences using the correct symbols.
- about measurement. We will be comparing, describing and solving practical problems involving length and height.
- to recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes.



In **English** we are learning:

We will be using two key texts 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'Mog's Christmas'. Our focus for our English writing will be to:

- use adjectives to describe the crayons eg: lazy, red, boring, busy, lonely.
- use adjectives to write descriptive sentences.
- create a wanted poster for Mog and create a simple narrative.



In **RE** we will continue to learn about belonging.

We will be looking at Judaism and asking, "Why is learning to do good deeds so important to Jewish people?"

We will learn that Mitzvah is a Jewish word for a good deed or action. We will also be considering good deeds that we can do.



In **Design & Technology** we are:

- thinking about healthy eating.
- designing, making and evaluating a fruit kebab for Pip and Pap.
- learning about food hygiene.
- learning how to cut and peel safely.
- describing the texture and taste of different fruits.



In **PE** we are learning about:

- team building games - following instructions, working together, problem solving, communicating instructions.
- invasion games - changing direction at speed, recognising changes in our bodies when we exercise, and learning about balance & coordination.



In **Science** we are learning about:

- materials. We will be distinguishing between an object and the material from which it is made.
- We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.
- We shall describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.



In my HappyMind we are learning about Happy Places. Children will reflect on how they and their Team H-A-P are feeling, linking these emotions to one of three Places: A Happy place, A Middle Place, A Busy Place.

We shall also be learning about and celebrating our different character strengths.

In **Music** we are learning:



- about keeping a regular pulse.
- high and low pitches.
- keeping rhythm.



In **Computing** we will be learning about programming. We will be using Beebots to help us to:

- explain what a given command will do
- act out a given word
- combine forwards and backwards commands to make a sequence
- combine four direction commands to make sequences
- plan a simple program
- find more than one solution to a problem



As part of Digital Citizenship we will be learning how to 'pause for people', this will help children self-regulation strategies to transition from technology back to face-to-face interactions.

Additional class information:

Spellings - Year 1 will bring home their 'Earth words'. Please help your child to practise these words at home.

Reading - Reading on a daily basis is very important in Year 1. Please encourage your child to read their school book **daily**. Please log your child's reading each day on the online reading log – Learning with Parents. Children who have logged 4 or more reads in a week will be entered into the weekly reading raffle. Also don't forget sharing a book and reading a book of choice to your child is a lovely time to spend together.

Maths - Please continue to support your child at home and encourage them to use the 'Mathseeds' program. If you need a reminder of login details, please ask your child's class teacher who will be happy to share them with you. 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 – Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children should come to school in their PE kits on PE days.

We look forward to a fantastic Autumn 2 term.

Year 1 Team