



# Manor Infant School Year 2 Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

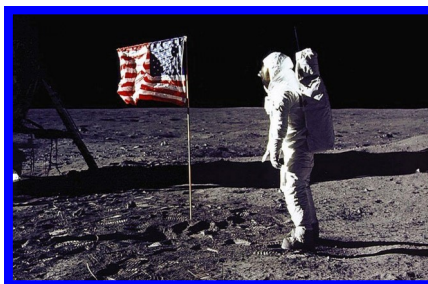
Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year Two Team would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your child. We hope that you and your family have had a lovely, well-deserved Summer break. The teachers have enjoyed their time off as well but we are also so happy to have the children back at school and we are really looking forward to teaching them this year.

We always endeavour to provide all children with the opportunities to consolidate what they have learnt last year and continue to progress through a variety of fun, engaging and challenging lessons and activities.

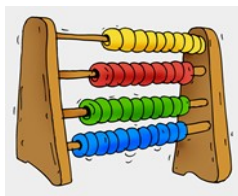
### English/History

This year we will be continuing to use 'The Cornerstones Curriculum' to share fun and creative lessons. These topics are very exciting and will fill the children with great enthusiasm for their learning! Our first topic will be '**Movers and Shakers**'. This project teaches children about the lives of historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. We will learn about how these individuals have contributed to national and international achievements. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance. Through comparing these famous people, children will also be able to compare aspects of life in different periods of history. We will also be visiting Eastbury Manor House which we are very excited about.



**Reading** will continue on an individual basis and as part of our Guided Reading sessions. Please may we stress, the importance of continuing to listen to your child read. This year there will an even bigger **focus on developing your child's reading skills**. There is an expectation **that you hear your child read at least 4 times during the week**. Please also spend some time discussing story structure, characters and events with your child to ensure that they are understanding what they are reading so that they experience the pleasure of story telling. Please use the support questions to guide you which are at the back of your child's reading record. Don't forget **to sign your child's reading record** so that they can earn their rewards!

## Maths

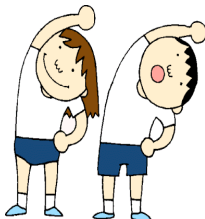


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Children will be consolidating their knowledge of number and place value. They will use their addition and subtraction facts to twenty to help them add and subtract larger numbers. Children will continue to advance their counting skills by learning to count in steps of twos, fives and tens, and use this to locate missing numbers in sequences. They will use money to form different combinations up to £1 and apply this skill when solving word problems. Please allow your child to handle money when you are out shopping so they begin to understand the value of the coins and how to make different amounts.



## PE



The children will be taught two physical education lessons each week, we will be beginning with athletics. Please **send your children into school dressed in their PE kit** which includes a t-shirt, shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls. Please can you also **remove all jewellery** on PE days and tie back hair for health and safety reasons. On weeks when we are on the climbing frame, please send children in close-toe shoes and tie hair back. During Autumn one, their PE sessions will be on Monday and Tuesdays.

## ART / D and T

Linking with our 'Movers and Shakers' topic, the children will be exploring the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques. They will explore a wide variety of still life and learn about the use of colour and composition. This will lead up to them creating their own still life arrangements and artwork. In addition, they will also be learning about colour mixing. They will explore primary and secondary colours.



## RE

In RE we will be thinking about what makes a good story. We will then listen to different parable stories and discuss their meaning and importance.



## PSHE

We will continue to promote the school and British values. We will be introducing our 5 core values and children will be engaged in different activities which will further enhance their understanding of the values and how they can demonstrate them. Please discuss the school values with children and let them know when they have demonstrated them at home.



## Homework

Homework is given out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. The children will receive one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework each week. The homework will consolidate their learning during the week. Please continue to check that your child has completed their homework on time. If your child has had any difficulties completing the homework then please let your child's teacher know.

Thank you so much for your support,

Year 2 Team

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