

MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Year 5 Spring term newsletter! After an incredible opening term, we would like to thank you for your support and help. We believe the Autumn Term was a great success, as all children worked very hard and are continuing to make wonderful progress. Their dedication to their learning has been nothing short of exceptional.

As ever, there is lots of challenging learning taking place this term, with wonderful experiences to look forward to. We have a jam packed and fun term ahead of us!

We encourage parents to make sure attendance is good and that the children are on the school premises 8.45am ready for the day ahead. Every morning, the children begin their day with arithmetic and reasoning questions which consolidate prior learning before moving onto a very full curriculum. It is vital that your child doesn't miss any school unless completely unavoidable.

English/History



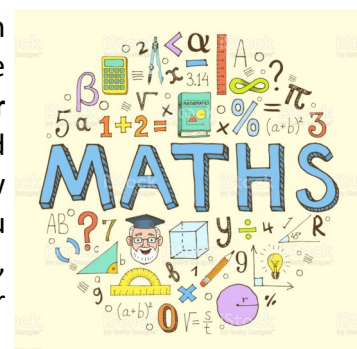
This term we will be focusing on '**Dynamic Dynasties**'. In this project, your child will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. They will explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties and learn about the legends surrounding the beginning of Chinese civilisation.

They will take a deep dive into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin. They will study oracle bones, learn about religious beliefs and explore bronze artefacts that set the Shang Dynasty apart from other civilisations. They will also study the hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty and discover who was powerful and who was powerless. They will look at warfare and find out how bronze technology gave the Shang Dynasty an advantage over their enemies. They will learn about the life of the great military leader, Fu Hao. The children will then look at significant aspects of life after the Shang Dynasty, including the work of Confucius in the Zhou Dynasty, the short but significant reign of Emperor Qin Shi Huang of the Qin Dynasty and the importance of the Silk Road created by the Han Dynasty. To end the project, your child will find out how ancient China's lasting legacy can be seen in the world today.

The majority of our writing outcomes will come from this unit, ranging from: narratives, diary entries, newspaper reports, non-chronological reports and poetry.

Maths

The children will continue to follow White Rose, which runs in many schools within the borough and is a thorough and broad scheme of work. The children will be working on **multiplication & division, fractions, decimals & percentages, perimeter & area, statistics**; using the knowledge from these topics to apply skills to reason and solve problems. As a team, we encourage you to speak with your children and show them examples of maths in your daily life (**maths in context**). For example, when you are cooking, talk about weight, measurements and time. When you are shopping, talk to your children about prices, money and change. If you require further guidance, please speak to one of the Year 5 team.



Workout Wednesday



Workout Wednesday has been a massive hit in Year 5! Please remember that PE takes place on Wednesday for the whole year group. Please ensure that your child arrives in their full kit; this should include a pair of blue/black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. We are seeing football kits more often, please avoid wearing these. Earrings should not be worn in school, however, children with studs/earrings will be asked to either remove them or use tape to cover them for the lesson.

Please ensure that each piece of their kit is labelled with their name.

Other Subjects

Science	Earth & Space; Forces & Mechanisms
I.C.T.	Databases; Game Creator; Safer Internet Day
Religious Education	Should all creatures be treated equally? or Thankfulness What do religions believe about God?
Art & Design	Shades, tints & tones Mechanical Systems
Humanities	Ancient China; Investigating Our World
P.S.H.E.	Going For Goals; Good To Be Me; RSE - puberty; Mental Health & Wellbeing
P.E.	Outdoor Activities; Games
Music.	Weekly guitar lessons

Homework

The children should read at home every day, please ensure that you hear them read at least three times in the week and ask them questions to further their understanding. The Home Contact Book should be signed each time your child reads with you, as well as adding their own summary comment when they read. In addition to reading every day, the children are expected to complete both sides of their LCWC sheet.



Each Friday, there will be at least 1 piece of English and 1 piece of Maths homework. It will be expected to be returned by Wednesday morning. If it is not returned on Wednesday, your child will be given an opportunity to complete it during their lunch time. They will also be encouraged to meet with their class teacher on a Monday or Tuesday lunchtime, if there is any part of the homework they are finding difficult.



Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

The Year 5 Team,

Miss Long

Mrs Horner

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