



Manor Field Infant and Nursery School

Half Term ending Friday 20th October 2023

Core value: **Caring**

Head Teacher's Message

Firstly, thank you to you all for the incredible support and commitment you have shown to us this half term. Working together in a positive way to co-educate your children is so beneficial for the little people that are so important to us all. I am sure that you will agree, the first half term has flown by. How quickly the children and in fact, the whole community have adapted to the change in year group and what this brings makes us, as a school, very proud! I do hope you all feel the same. We do face challenges like most schools, but we always work in the best interests of the children.

Thank you to all for your support for our recent fund-raising events, The PTA Halloween disco was a real success and the children so enjoyed it. It was lovely to see them all dressed up and enjoying the occasion. Thank you to the PTA who made this possible. I know they have further fund-raising events planned.

Also thank you to all those who sent in goods for the Harvest Festival, you were so generous. We were delighted to take these to the Foodbank, who currently, are so in need of donations and were so appreciative.

As I am sure you are aware, the week after half term is Parents' Evening so please book your appointments.

As always, I thank you for your continued support in all we do. We hope you all have a great half term and we look forward to returning on Monday 30th October.

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Around the School EYFS

Ladybird

We began our Autumn term exploring the wonderful core story of 'Owl Babies'. We have learnt lots of words from the story, made up actions, acted the story out and made our own marks for parts of the story on our story maps! We've spent lots of time outside –in the sunshine, cloud and rain too, finding more autumn treasures, bringing some back for exploration. As well as this, we have been using our fine motor skills to practice our pinchy fingers for various tasks, inside and outside. The children have loved exploring different colours and scented home made playdough. We will continue to retell our new core story ' Billy's Bucket' after half term, whilst exploring the coral reef and sea creatures that live deep under the sea. In Maths we have focused our learning on 'Colours' and colour sorting. In Maths this week, we have looked at 'Matching' where the children recognized matching shoes. The children began to pair up shoes that match because they are the same colour or have the same shape on them. I am so pleased with how well the children have settled into Ladybirds Nursery, and it has been wonderful to see their super story telling !

Reception

Squirrel class have had a busy and very productive start to the year. The children have settled in well and have enjoyed getting to know each other, staff and their classroom. We have spent lots of time introducing our phonics sounds and starting to learn to read. It has been wonderful to see the children already making progress with this. During the first few weeks of the half term, we enjoyed our core story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We explored the characters, their feelings and learnt lots about nocturnal animals too. Following this, we read ' Billy's Bucket' by Kes Gray and Gary Parsons; using our imagination to talk, draw and write about what we might find in our own buckets!

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Around the School KS1

KS1

In Key Stage One this half term we have based our learning on the core story "How to Find Gold" by Viviane Schwarz. You can see a video of the story here: [Viviane Schwarz reads HOW TO FIND GOLD - YouTube](#)

In the story, Anna and Croc go on a wonderful adventure, and we have also had lots of adventures in our learning!

In geography, we have drawn maps and talked about the similarities and differences between Long Stratton and a city. Our Science has focused on how we use our five senses of sight, touch, hearing, smell and taste to make sense of the world. In RE, we have looked at how the senses are used in Hindu and Christian worship.

Computing has been exciting; we have been programming beebots to find the gold, just like Anna and Croc did, by making our own beebot maps. If you want to know more about how beebots work, there is a free beebot app you can download on a smart phone or tablet.

The author of our core story also drew the illustrations, and we looked carefully at her work from another of her books in art. You can see the story being told here: [Is There a Dog in This Book? - YouTube](#) Our work was on sketching and drawing techniques, and we made some wonderful images of dogs and cats!

As well as our full curriculum, we have also managed to fit in skipping workshops and forest schools days for each class. We have been so impressed with the ways the children collaborate and produce such lovely work.

Finally, thank you to all of the parents who attend our parent reading sessions each Monday afternoon. In the sessions we read our decodable reading books, share picture books and also visit our well-stocked school library. It has been great to see so many of you coming along.

Have a great half term! The KS1 team

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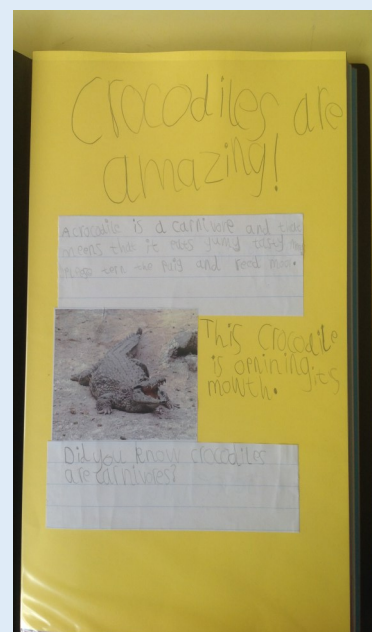
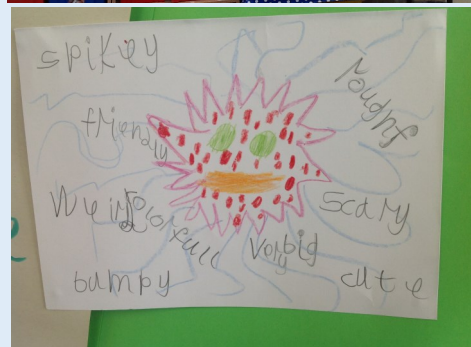


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Site Reminders

As we come to the end of the first half term, may we remind parents of the school site rules. The school car park is strictly for staff only. There is no parking for parents and we ask that you do not drive onto site to drop off or pick up at any time during the school day. The gates are only open during the day for access for delivery vehicles. The safety of the children is our priority and we must keep our car park as safe as possible. We are also a dog free and no smoking/vaping site. We thank you for your co-operation with helping keep Manor Field a safe environment for the children.

AJS School Photographs

School photographs will be taking place on Wednesday 15th November. If you have a child who does not attend Manor Field but you would like a sibling photograph, please email the school office to inform us and then come to the school office at 8.45am on the day. If you do not wish for your child to have a photograph taken, please email the school office by Friday 10th November.

Children in Need

We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. More details will follow. Our JustGiving page is open for donations, please click on the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/manor-field2>

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Save the date!

October	
Monday 23rd– Friday 27th	Half Term
Monday 30th	Return to school after Half Term
November	
Wednesday 1st	Parent curriculum support meeting—Online safety 9.00am with Mrs Anderson
Wednesday 1st	Road Safety– Benjamin & Bethany—Squirrel class
	Step on it—Year 2
Thursday 2nd	Step on it— Year 2
Friday 17th	Children in Need– details to follow
Thursday 30th	Flu Immunisations
December	
Monday 11th	Ladybird & Squirrel Christmas Performance—TBC
Tuesday 12th	KS1 Christmas Performance (More details to follow)
Wednesday 13th	KS1 Christmas Performance (More details to follow)
Thursday 14th	KS1 Christmas Performance (More details to follow)
Friday 15th	Ladybird & Squirrel Christmas Performance—TBC
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20th	Last Day of Term
Thursday 4th January 2024	School reopens

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Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. **IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE** before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: 97%

This half term's attendance: 95%

Class with the best attendance: Fox Class with 97%

Minutes lost this half term due to lateness: 660

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