



# Manor Beach Primary

## Newsletter

21 January 2021

### Message from Miss Mason

Our ability to respond to change can sometimes be challenging, requiring a great deal of courage and persistence when trying to continue as 'normal' whilst always seeking ways to move forward, but move forward we must! I have witnessed a great deal of resilience with many pupils, parents/ carers and our team here at Manor Beach stepping way outside of their comfort zone and not letting the fear of the unknown hold us back. To say I am proud is an understatement and I will continue with pride as we all move forward, however little the steps may be.

### Curriculum Questionnaire for Parents

We sent a text last week asking parents to complete a short questionnaire. We are always looking for ways to improve and we are currently reviewing our curriculum provision in order to ensure we provide a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum which meets the needs of our children. We currently provide you with a half termly overview of what your child is learning and there is information on the website. We really value your input and would be grateful if you would complete it by the end of this week.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h1tCY\\_poSEeWx-unmODGmwrKF09YiRFKnwW03j9J0zFUOFhMk8wR1UzQU5KMV5k5QVU2T1QzQksTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h1tCY_poSEeWx-unmODGmwrKF09YiRFKnwW03j9J0zFUOFhMk8wR1UzQU5KMV5k5QVU2T1QzQksTy4u)

### Neverland

This week Neverland have been listening to the story of Hattie Peck by Emma Levey. We have spoken about how she feels in the story and we have even packed a suitcase with all of the things she'd need for her journey! We have found out facts about chickens and shared them with our friends and families.

We have had lots of fun painting and decorating eggs too!

Our zoom lessons have been going well and it has been wonderful to see the children's faces and their work on ClassDojo!



### Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Mr Brown and his partner on the safe arrival of their baby girl. Welcome to the world *Freya*

### Wonderland

In our English lessons last week it was all about Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's dairy, and this week we're continuing with the animal theme and our work is all about pets!! In maths we have been working on money, recognising coins and their values and finding out amounts.

Today we have been discussing how to use good manners and have made our own speech bubbles to show what to say in different situations.



### Faraway Tree

We have been working so hard in maths learning about place value. We have also been learning about the types of materials and the jobs that they do! Some great investigations at home, finding out which materials float and sink.

Children have enjoyed learning more about the characters from Julia Donaldson stories and Roald Dahl is also a favourite! Miss Baines has been so pleased as lots of children have joined the maths and story zoom lessons.

## Enchanted Wood

In English we have been reading Julia Donaldson books and writing lots of character descriptions.

In science we have been learning about Keeping Healthy. We planned a healthy meal. We have taken part in lots of investigations to see which exercise is the best. We did an experiment to see how quickly germs spread and how good soap is at protecting us from germs



## Oz

Oz have continued to work hard in school and remotely. The children have been reading and writing about The Twits; producing entertaining fact files, top trumps cards and wanted posters. We have enjoyed developing their collage techniques and have created absolutely amazing collages of local landmarks. Keep up the fantastic effort Oz- your teachers are so p

# THE TWITS



## Middle Earth

Fantastic week on zoom so far. This week in maths we have been looking at the Mean and solving problems linked to this. Our English unit is about Robots and looks at characters made from metal and wood. It has been great to see some of the Scratch projects the children have been working on and they have shared these on screen with the rest of the class. Wonderful!

Diary Dates

## Hogwarts & Camelot

Children in year 4 working at home and in school have been following a chocolate theme in English. They learned a poem about chocolate, wrote descriptive paragraph about the chocolate room in Charlie and the chocolate factory, created their own chocolate bar design with a slogan, created an information text about the origins of chocolate and baked chocolate chip cookie. They also studied sound in science.

This week we have continued to study fractions and make string telephones in science. In school the class novel has been "How to train your dragon" by Cressida Cowell and the children have used clay to create Dragon eyes in art.



## Treasure Island

In Treasure Island we have been producing writing about the Ancient Greeks and have done some work based on the book, Tin. We have enjoyed the beginning of the book so much that we are going to continue to read it as a class novel. We also took on the first of the netball challenges set by W&FSSP this week and are looking forward to the next one.



## In School Provision - Lockdown 2021

We will be sending a second link to all our Key Worker parent/carers to request days in school on **Monday 25 January** to request days for the following two weeks. So please look out for it.

### January 2020

21<sup>st</sup> Individual school photographs **have been cancelled and re-arranged for later in the academic year**