



# MANOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Motivation, Joy, Success!

## Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring term. This is a very busy term and one that continues to develop your child's academic skills. Children become confident life-long learners with the support and guidance from teachers and parents.

This newsletter will inform you of the various units we will be covering this term.

We are sure that your child will continue to have a very happy, successful time with us.

We are always available at the end of the school day to deal with any concerns that you or your child may have. Our experience shows that a few moments dealing promptly with an issue can save weeks of worrying.

The Year 4 team comprises:



**Mrs Pearson**  
4P  
Room 2



**Mrs Dervish**  
4DS  
Room 3



**Mrs Syeda**



**Mr Tunncliffe**  
4T  
Room 5



**Mrs Beveridge**  
4B  
Room 6  
Year Group  
Leader



**Miss Holder**  
4H  
Room 7

**Support Staff:**

Mrs Begum, Mrs Chesney, Mrs McLean and Mrs Smith

### Important events

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3/Y4 Opening Evening
- **February** – Visiting the Barking Gurdwara
- **February** – Pizza Making
- **March** – Trips to the British Library



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### English

- The children will be reading and discussing the novel '*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*' and using this to inspire their own story telling and writing.
- Understand and use powerful verbs and a range of conjunctions to structure their writing.
- Continue to develop their understanding of frontal adverbials.
- Continue to carefully select language to make their writing effective.
- Learn to use apostrophes correctly.
- Continue to develop their ability to punctuate speech correctly.
- In the second half of the term we will focus on factual writing about the Mayans.

### Handwriting

The children will have handwriting lessons to help develop their cursive handwriting. Please encourage your child to use cursive handwriting at home, especially for all homework tasks.

### Spelling

Each Monday your child will bring home a list of words to learn. A spelling test will take place on Friday. There will be spelling lessons taught throughout the term.

### Maths

- Add and subtract numbers to 10,000 using mental and written methods
- Review multiplication and division facts
- Recognise right angles and lines of symmetry
- Relate decimals to money
- Find equivalent fractions
- Tell the time on a 24-hour clock
- Recognise and compare decimal numbers
- Solve problems
- **It is always helpful to regularly practise times tables with your child in order to improve instant recall**

### Science

In the first half of the term we will study the Human digestive system including teeth. During the second half of the term we will investigate sound.

### Computing

The children will learn to use computer coding programmes to create animated applications. During the second half of the term we will focus on how to create Power point presentations.



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### French

We will focus on the names of foods and verbs to continue to build simple sentences.

### Geography

- The children will develop their atlas skills and learn the location, names, flags and capital cities of some countries.
- They will learn how to use grid references and compass directions.

### History

During the second half of the term the children will learn how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources by learning about the Mayan civilisation.

### Art

To improve skills, techniques and mastery of art through creating a mask using papier mache.

### DT

Our pizza project will involve surveys, tasting and designing a pizza.

### RE

Our topic this term is 'Who cares?' which investigates and encourages children to discuss the role of charities. To enhance our learning, we will visit the Gurdwara in Barking in February. During the second half of the term we will be learning about Sacred Texts.

### PSHE

We will be covering: Healthy Eating and Citizenship.

### PE

- Sports for this term include focusing on balancing in gymnastics and tag rugby.
- Swimming for Classes 4T and 4B.

### Music

The children will develop their knowledge of music by performing, listening to, responding and evaluating a range of music.

### Homework

- Encourage your child to learn their spelling words each day.
- This term our English and Maths homework will be online.
- Children are to complete at least one Bug club book with comprehension tasks each week.
- Athletics tasks will be set each week for the Children to complete.
- Each Monday, class teachers will check that homework has been completed.
- All children need to read daily. Please make every effort to listen to your child read and sign their reading record.



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## **Reminders**

- Bring a coat to school daily.
- PE kits will be kept in school and sent home during the half term for washing.
- Please name your child's clothing and belongings.
- Do not send anything valuable to school.
- Bring in a water bottle each day.