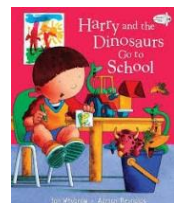




Welcome to Foundation Stage

Autumn 1- newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to Foundation Stage here at Manadon Vale! Each half term we will send out a newsletter including what we will be learning, key dates and how you can support your child at home.

Let's introduce the staff we have Mrs Barber (EYFS lead & Turtles class teacher), Mrs Bettison (Seahorses class teacher), Mrs Frearson (HLTA), Miss Clarke (TA), Miss Down (TA), Mrs Glanville (TA)

Key topics:

All about me
Autumn
Superheroes
People who help us

Key texts:

Harry and the dinosaurs go to school
Supertato
Superhero school
Superhero Kid



PE days:

Tuesday (indoor)
and Friday
(outdoor).

Please start wearing
PE kits into school
from the week
beginning Monday
21st September.

Communication, language and literacy:

We will start with introducing phase 1 phonics which is a foundational step in learning to read and write, focusing on developing children's speaking and listening skills rather than on letters or sounds. It involves activities that help children become aware of sounds in the environment, in music, and in words, including identifying patterns, rhymes, and rhythms.

From Monday 28th September we will start learning new sounds. Much of the focus will be on segmenting and blending sounds to read and write simple words. We will be learning 'harder to read and spell words' (those which are irregular such as 'I', 'no', 'the') for the children to try to recognise and read. Please try and practise using the correct pencil grip and talk to your child about the letter sounds (rather than letter names) that we are learning about. We will tell you which sounds we are learning on Tapestry each week.

Mathematics:

In maths we will be learning about numbers 1,2,3 and learning how to represent these numbers in different ways. We will be learning how to sort and match objects in many ways for example by colour, size or weight. We will begin to explore pattern where children will be able to recognise, describe and make patterns using different objects.

Writing:

The children will have many opportunities to develop their writing skills this term through many mark making activities during free flow. The children will be able to use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing during phonics and some specific focused tasks.

Phonics



Reading books:

On **Friday 2nd October** your child will start bringing a reading book home with a reading record. We change our books **every Friday** so will need both items brought back each Friday. Please read and share your child's book 3 times a week. Ensure you sign the reading record when you have read with your child. Your child will start with a lilac reading book and this is a wordless introduction to reading, helping children learn basic book-handling skills like holding and turning pages, understanding how stories work through pictures, developing curiosity, and enhancing language and discussion skills by talking about the illustrations. A more detailed letter will follow with the first book.

Communicating with us:

Class teachers will be on the door each morning and at the end of the day so you can pass key messages on at these times. If it is something that will require more time, please email us to arrange a meeting or phone call if needed.

Mrs Barber- gbarber@mvps.org.uk

Mrs Bettison- hbettison@mvps.org.uk

Classes:

You will find out if your child is a Turtle or Seahorse on Friday 25th September. A letter will go home in your child's bag.



Key dates:

Parent/carers lunch: 6th October
letter to follow

Tapestry:

Please ensure you engage with Tapestry throughout the year not only can you see what your child has been learning about but it will have key memos/dates uploaded.

Check this regularly!



Home learning:

At the beginning of Foundation Stage we will upload optional home learning tasks onto Tapestry. These will be more practical based activities that you can do with your child.

All children should be reading their reading books at home.

