

Manor Field Infant and Nursery
Curriculum overview – Year Two
Spring Term 2019

This should be read alongside the end of year expectations for each year group which are available on our school website.

Subject	We will be learning	How you can help
English	Our first core story this term will be Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway and Jude Daly and will use this as a basis for our topic work for the first half term. We will be looking at a variety of text types, including narrative, poetry and non-chronological reports, as well as writing about real events. We will continue to focus on accurate spelling of common words, and send these home for you to look at. In phonics we will be looking at new ways of spelling sounds we already know, and continuing to work on how to spell words when we add endings to them such as –ed and –ing.	Share books with your child. Discuss the characters, setting etc. and see if you can spot punctuation or interesting adjectives. Read at home daily and write about your reading in the reading log in the homework book. Try keeping a diary of things you do at home to help you write in full sentences with correct punctuation.
Maths	In mathematics we will continue to work on counting confidently forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will be consolidating our work on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division in a variety of different ways. We will also be learning key number bonds and facts to help with our mental addition and subtraction. We will be recognising and using coins. We will also be working on statistics and graphs, measurement and fractions.	Take opportunities to count at home. Count small objects in sets of twos, fives and tens. Practise number bonds by playing matching games; first number bonds to ten and when your child knows these automatically and fluently, move on to number bonds to 20. You can learn more about number bonds here: https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zx3982p
Science	In science we will be learning about different types of weather around the world, and how this affects the people and animals who live there. We will look at how plants and animals adapt to survive different environments. We will also learn about the water cycle, and how rain forms.	Talk about the weather and watch weather forecasts with your child. Go out in different types of weather and talk about the plants and possibly animals you can see. Look at https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zx38wmn to find out more.
Computing	In computing we will be learning more about what computers can do and more about what we can do on our school VLE. We will learn about to take part in a quiz and survey on the VLE. We will also practise responding to a blog, and how to save and alter text in a word document and an email. We always talk about how to keep ourselves safe when working online.	When using the VLE, help your child to type their responses themselves, showing them how to type capital letters and punctuation marks. Talk to them about how you use computers on a day to day basis at work and home.
The Arts	In art in the first half term, we will be looking at textiles and weaving. We will also look at how to join pieces of cloth	At home, if you do sewing, knitting or crocheting

	<p>together. In the second half term we will be looking at how to use a mixed media approach, and how to incorporate photographs into our art work.</p> <p>In Music we will learn how to sing in a round, and how to join in with call and response songs from Africa.</p> <p>In Drama we will participate in a variety of role play activities including hot seating.</p>	<p>encourage your child to try and have a go.</p> <p>When listening to music, it would help your children to understand the pulse and the rhythm if you clap along or dance to the beat. You could also discuss the songs they like and ask them to explain why.</p>
RE	<p>In RE in the first half term we will be looking at what the religions of Christianity and Judaism believe about creation. We will also be learning about the religion of Islam.</p> <p>After half term we will be looking at the Easter story, and why this is important to Christians.</p>	<p>Ask your child about their RE lessons and discuss any questions arising from them. Encourage your child to think and talk about the families/groups that they belong to.</p>
PE	<p>In the first half term we will be learning about balancing and performing. We will be exploring this theme both inside and outdoors and linking this to gymnastics.</p> <p>In the second half term we will be learning about attacking and defending, and linking this to ball games.</p>	<p>Practise moving in different ways and in different directions in your garden or at a local park. Practise throwing and catching with control.</p>
SMSEC/ PATHS	<p>We will be thinking about how we can work together to create a harmonious environment. We will be considering what we can do to help each other learn and how we can be good friends to each other.</p> <p>Through our PATHS activities we will look at feelings that are comfortable and uncomfortable.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about their school day. Ask them what they did and what they enjoyed. You could also ask them if they made anyone else happy during the day. When they are the PATHS pupil fill in the compliments sheet and return to school.</p>