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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy half term this has been – it has flown by! The children have worked hard and are now in need of a rest over half term.

This week during our afternoon sessions we celebrated all things French. One of the highlights was our French Café where children were able to taste test many traditional French foods including pain au chocolate, brie and creme caramel whilst also practising their French speaking. It was fabulous to see so many children trying new foods. There was also an opportunity to use google maps to explore Meudon (which is twinned with Rushmoor) and discover how it compares to where we live. Yesterday, children were able to choose an Olympic sport to participate in, which provided a great chance to work with children from different classes. Please see some beautiful work inspired by Paul Cezanne from Frankie in Year 3 and Nadia in Year 6 at the end of this letter.

Update from the Year Teams

Year 3

What a fabulous couple of weeks we've had in Year 3!

We have written incredible information pages about peculiar plants and this week we imagined we'd visited beautiful Paris then wrote letters home.

Last Monday a speaker from the charity Wateraid (<https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>) shared with Year 3 the importance of clean water, decent toilets, and good hygiene. We were amazed to learn that in some parts of the world people only have 10 litres of water per day whereas in the UK we use on average about 150 litres of water per person each day. We were praised for our enthusiasm and great questions!

We've explored the patterns and links between the 2x, 4x and 8x tables and introduced the 3x table including division facts. Knowing these key facts really supports children in many other areas of maths so regular practise (little and often) is important.

This half term in PSHE we have learnt about keeping ourselves safe. In computing, we have improved our keyboard skills by using word to create a poster linked to our science learning.

We've thoroughly enjoyed working in our houses during the afternoons in French Week. It has been lovely to see our children working with different groups of children. In class we have started to learn the names of animals in French, and we will continue with this next half term too. Have a wonderful half term holiday.

Year 4

Year 4 has been working hard in the last couple of weeks. We have completed the last writing task of the English unit and most of the children have successfully written dialogue in narratives. A very tricky concept!

In science, they were quite disgusted with our demonstration of the digestive system as we explained each stage of the process through practical experiments. Something they should remember next time they're sitting on the loo! PE and games have shown their increased level of maturity as they've enjoyed the carousels for athletics and cricket, golf and rounders. Make sure they've bought their swimming certificates home.

After half term, the children are looking forward to making their pizzas and Ufton Court.

Year 5

Year 5 have absolutely loved building shelters as the final outcome for their Design and Technology unit based on 'structures'. We had some very sturdy shelters, some had been decorated with flowers – which were aesthetically pleasing – and some very practical ones which enabled a large group to sit under. The team work was fantastic; as were the initiative and resilience shown across the year group.

The French week has been a great success and we have even managed to read information text, written in French, telling us about the origins of the Ancient Olympic Games and the Modern Olympic Games. Hopefully, if you get the chance to enjoy some of the Olympics this Summer the children will be able to tell you the French names for some of the sports!

In maths we have looked at timetables and line graphs. There will be a Battle of the Bands competition for the Year 5 classes over the half term.

Don't forget to get your Bikeability forms back into school by the end of the first week after half term! Happy Half Term!

Year 6

We couldn't be prouder of our mighty Year 6 pupils after conquering their SATs tests recently. Thank you once again for all of your support in helping them be the best that they can be!

After all that SAT work, we allowed them a little break last Friday where they enjoyed some well-being activities, as well as helping the school community. In the garden, they weeded around the lavender plants and gave the paths a general tidy-up. In the pond, the newts and larvae tried to avoid being caught by eagerly swept nets with their pond dipping. On the field they indulged in their favourite sports and devoured some icy treats along the way!

This week we have just launched our Year 6 Production - A Hint of Snow White. Auditions have taken place and parts have been allocated so we're ready for rehearsals to commence after half term. In science we have been finding out how we know that materials have changed to make new ones through making mug cakes - similar to cup-cakes, but actually smaller - just as tasty as the children found out!

Although our formal tests have been completed, we are still continuing to work towards our writing grades. Transition units of work will begin shortly in preparation for Secondary School. We hope you have a well-earned relaxing half-term. It's going to be a busy half term before the children finally say farewell to Manor Junior School.

Thank you for your continued support once again this term.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term and I look forward to welcoming you back on June 4th after the half-term and INSET day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher

Frankie - Year 3



Nadia - Year 6

