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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers

Future Aspirations

This week in school we have been thinking about our aspirations for the future and the children have been recording these for a display that I am going to create in the entrance hall. From a very young age, my parents (who I obviously think are the best!) explained that if I worked hard I could be whatever I wanted to be. It was pointed out to me that opportunities were out there, as long as I was determined enough and willing to keep going if things got tough. This is a message I want all of the children at Manor to have. We want our children to work hard even when faced with obstacles, to achieve their very best and aim for their dreams. Our Manor children are the future and our entrance hall display will show to all of our visitors how amazing they are going to be!

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**Let us remember:
One book, one pen,
one child and
one teacher can
change the world.**

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Redecoration

The next phase of school redecoration started over the half term break and when we returned on the INSET day we were met with new BASC and NEST rooms. These rooms look so much brighter! The decorators are now working on the middle block classrooms with almost two rooms completed. I am very grateful to Mrs Kingshott and 3K who have been helping us all out by relocating for most of the school day to the BASC room so that the other, larger classes, can remain in the middle block. We all had a surprise last week when the decorators uncovered a set of windows at the back of one of the classrooms which had been covered with boards. Nobody knew they were there, but they have made the classroom so much lighter and are a welcome addition.

Update from the Year Teams

Year 3

We've started our new topic "sensational structures" by exploring human and animal skeletons and learning why we have a skeleton. We have enjoyed experimenting with different materials in art to create our own expressive drawings which we are looking forward to sharing soon. In English we have written our own excellent emotion poems having been inspired by the book Emotional Menagerie which is an alphabetical series of poems about emotions, characterising each as an animal. We have continued to work on different mental strategies to add and subtract including using number bonds and related facts. We have looked at how to work efficiently and to check our answers are reasonable. During PE lessons our multi skills sessions focus on improving our agility, balance and coordination. Please ask us to demonstrate some of the activities we have participated in.

Year 4

Year four have begun writing a setting description about Diagon Alley from the Harry Potter book. They have learned about expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and prepositional phrases, which we hope to see in their final piece of writing. Maths has been a mixture of fractions and addition and subtraction. They have found out how important it is to know their times tables as fractions involve dividing and multiplying!

The children are enjoying 'Sentence of the Day' every afternoon and this week's 'Go Draw' activity which can also be found online. 4G have their assembly based upon our dance lessons this afternoon and 4P are busy rehearsing for theirs.

Year 5

Year 5 were thrilled to have a fantastic visitor on Monday. Mr Norris spoke to the year group about his charity climb up Mount Everest. The children were amazed and inspired – many asking for his autograph at the end of the talk! Mr Norris kindly shared many photos of the climb and answered even more questions from the children. The talk has helped the children when thinking about emotions when facing a challenge; writing as a member of Shackleton's crew. They also linked the change in temperature (20⁰c in the day time to -20⁰c at night) to the negative number work we have been studying in maths. Also, in PSHCE we have been looking at possible future careers and aspirations. Many of the children have contemplated a challenge they would like to take on one day.

'Mr Norris really inspired me to do amazing things.'

'We had an amazing time listening to his life changing story and it inspired me a lot.'



Finally, a huge thank you to all the children who have learned their lines since they received their scripts. We had our first official rehearsals this week and all the children showed a fantastic attitude.

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to make progress as they grapple with the technical language and definitions involved in answering SAT style questions - again thank you for your help with homework revision.

We have started our new topic 'Crime and Punishment' and have learnt how Roman, Saxon and Viking justice systems were similar and different.

We are looking forward to a change in our timetables next week, with the visit to Liddington looming - just don't forget to name everything!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher