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AND RESOURCED PROVISION FOR
HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearing the end of this first half term and it has been a long one jam packed with learning! We are looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening just after half-term so that we can share information with you about your child's progress so far this year.

Building resilience

Parents often ask how they can support with their child's learning at home and I know on parents evening your child's teacher will be able to give you details about things you can do to support their academic potential. More and more however, we are finding that the barrier to children's progress is not their underlying academic ability, but their ability to keep going when things get tricky. True learning happens at the point when we are challenged, so if your child is unwilling to give things a go when they are unsure, this could stop them making the best progress. There are some great tips on ways you can help to build your child's resilience on this BBC Bitesize page:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zy4rn9q>

EARA Group

We are excited to announce that we are forming a Manor EARA (Equality and Rights Advocates) group. The group will be made up with pupils from across the school and they will work together to promote equality and rights for all members of our school community. Our EARA group will meet regularly with Mrs Brown and also have opportunities to work with children from other local schools too. We look forward to sharing more information on our work over the course of this next year.

Illness

As always with the Autumn term, the bugs are back in force with lots of children (and a few staff too) suffering with colds and nasty bugs. If you feel your child is too unwell to attend school, please do not forget to let the school office know so that we know they are safe. If your child is suffering with sickness or diarrhoea then please ensure they remain at home for 48 hours after their last episode of illness then hopefully we can avoid it spreading between the children. If you or your children are suffering currently, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Update from the Year Teams

Year 3

We can't believe we are coming to the end of the children's first half term at Manor Junior School. We have been extremely busy in Year 3 and so much learning has been taking place. In English, next week, inspired by the beautiful pop-up, lift-the-flap book 'Inside The Villains; by Clotilde Perrin, we will be writing an information text about a giant. This week we have been working hard to improve our sentences and vocabulary choices and explaining the layout of information texts. Our maths learning has focused on solving problems involving money and length. We discovered we had to read the problems carefully! We have learnt what perimeter is and how to measure the perimeter of polygons.

The children have produced some outstanding pieces of art work based on the incredible work of Frank Bowling. In dance, working with partners and small groups, we have learnt about British folk dance which has included exploring appropriate actions and spatial patterns before memorising and performing short movement sequences. We have loved using the musical instruments to compose and perform a piece of music based on Kerry Andrew's, 'No Place Like' song.

This week as part of our geography learning we have enjoyed a walk along Cove Brook to Giffard Drive Shops. During the walk we observed the human and physical features of the local area and completed a sketch map. We also identified different types of land use. Once we returned to class we explored and discussed our findings.

As you know home learning projects were due in this week and we have started to share these in our year group assembly. It has been wonderful to share all the fabulous learning that has been completed.

We are all looking forward to seeing parents and carers at our Year 3 celebration of learning after school on Thursday 24th October in the Year 3 classrooms where you will have the opportunity to see some of the children's fantastic learning from our 'UK Manor and Me' topic. We hope you can join us.

Year 4

Once again, we have been really proud of Year 4 this week for pushing themselves out of their comfort zones! They have been auditioning for our Christmas production (Lights, Camel, Action!) and it has been such a joy to see them standing up to read in front of an audience despite being quite nervous in many cases. We will be assigning roles and giving out scripts before the half term break so that children can start to learn their lines over the holidays – rehearsals will start in earnest when we get back in November.

Year 4 have been learning about money and measure in maths. This would be a great topic to apply in context at home, whether while doing your weekly shop or looking at the distance you are travelling on a car journey. See if they can add money amounts, find change and convert between metres and kilometres to recap what they have been learning at school.

On that note, we really appreciate the effort that continues to be made at home to support children with their learning. We have been blown away by the fantastic homework projects that children have shared this week! It is also fantastic to see how daily reading at home and practising on TT Rockstars is really increasing children's confidence and attainment in class. Keep up the good work!

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday (24th October) between 9.00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the school hall to celebrate some of the fantastic work that Year 4 have done this term.

Year 5

A BIG thank you to everyone who brought in their half term homework to share with the year group it was fantastic to see all of the amazing art work and power points that they have produced. Well done to 5D who won the times table rockstar competition with Tinashe, Maxine and Leo taking the top spots.

In English, year 5 have been enjoying Kensuke's Kingdom in both our reading and writing. They have been discussing the different emotions that Michael would feel throughout the story and writing conversations between Michael and Kensuke.

In maths, we have just finished our division and multiplication unit where we have been learning about prime numbers and factors. Any extra support you can give to help your child to learn their times tables will really help them.

Last Tuesday Year 5 went to the Winchester Science Museum. During the day we went to the planetarium, saw a space science show and tried all of the exhibits. It was a pleasure to take Year 5 to the science museum, they were a credit to the school.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our celebration of work on Wednesday 23rd October in the hall to share with you all of Year 5's amazing work.

Year 6

We've nearly made it to the end of our first half term! Thank you to all those parents (and children) who came to the SATs information meeting & Art Celebration of Learning gallery. We hope it was useful and gave you an insight into the expectations of SATs. The slides from the PowerPoint are on the school website for your reference or for those of you whom were unable to attend, feel free to take a look.

Thank you also to all of you whom have purchased the SATs Revision booklets. SATs Revision homework will start straight after half term. There is still time to order the full set of revision books at the hugely discounted price of £6 (please refer to previous letters home).

This week the children have had a chance to practice their House Captain speeches in front of an audience - for those that wanted to apply for the positions. If selected, Round 2 will be taking place next week in front of their Houses. By half term (after the vote has taken place) the children should know if they have been successful. Good Luck to everyone!

In English, we have been looking at the text 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pulman and will be starting diary writing in the role of various characters. In maths, multiplication and division have been on our radar. Please continue to encourage TTRS at home. In Design Technology & Computing we will be building and programming small delivery 'robots' using the program 'Scratch', which is also available for children to program at home free! Why not explore the site at home: <https://sip.scratch.mit.edu/scratchathome/>

Enjoy!

I know that the children will be tired by the end of next week and I hope that they very much enjoy their half term break and have a well-deserved rest.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher