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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a week full of animals at Manor and not only those invited in to Year 4 on Tuesday. We have had our usual squirrels, fox and assortment of beautiful birds, but also a pheasant and swan on site! I was very grateful for Mrs Kewley's wildlife rescue knowledge when she led the swan rehoming mission on Wednesday which some of you witnessed.

Grounds Force

Our lovely sensory garden is really looking bedraggled now the Autumn has arrived and we are really hoping to get things tidied up before the Winter. If you are able to help with this on Grounds Force Day on October 19th we would love to see you. There will be plenty of refreshments and I am keeping my fingers crossed for good weather!

Table Manners

With well over three hundred children to have lunch each day, I am sure you can imagine that the dinner hall is a busy place at lunchtime! Please could I ask for your support in making sure your child is prepared to eat with others in the hall. There are a growing number of children that do not know how to use a knife and fork successfully when eating their school dinner, and whilst we do endeavour to show children the correct way, we do not always have the time needed for this in school. I do understand that not all families sit down to eat together at a dining room table every night as life is busy and some families do not have the space, but if you could practise this skill at home even occasionally this would be a tremendous help. Thank you!

Update from the Year Teams

Year 3

Our first month in Year 3 has flown by and we have been working hard to make sure we are always ready for learning in our lessons. This week we have written fantastic wanted posters based on the brilliant picture book 'Little Red'. We tried hard to write interesting sentences and warn the reader about how dangerous the wolf was. The characters in this book love drinking ginger beer and lots of us certainly enjoyed tasting it for the first time.

We are beginning to learn more about money and length in our maths lessons. We have been working out different ways we can make specific totals and next week we will start solving problems.

In our geography lessons we have been learning about physical and human features around the UK. Next time you are out and about challenge your child to see if they can spot features that are physical such as rivers and those that are human such as bridges.

We are really pleased with all the children who are remembering to bring their reading records into school every day and trying hard to read regularly at home. Remember all children have a log on to Oxford Reading Buddy where they can read a selection of books and complete quizzes.

Year 4

What an exciting week in Year 4! We had such a brilliant day on Tuesday when Charlotte from Animal Club came in to visit us. She brought in a bearded dragon, a giant millipede, a hissing cockroach, a giant African snail, a bull python, some rats and even a tarantula! The children all got the chance to see the animals up close and even to touch and hold the animals (apart from the venomous tarantula!). We were so incredibly proud of how the children joined in, asked questions and showed how much they have learnt in their science topic. It was great to see those who were initially hesitant pushing themselves out of their comfort zones – the smiles on their faces when they were braver than they ever thought they could be are a particularly special memory from the day. The children also got the chance to draw the animals which was a fantastic opportunity for them to apply everything that they have learnt in Art this term. Thank you to those who have already helped us to cover the cost of this experience. If you have not yet made a contribution and are able to, we would really appreciate any last donations. Please make these on your SCOPAY account.

Congratulations to 4B, the victors in our recent Battle of the Bands on Times Table Rockstars! Lots of children joined in and we have been amazed by the impact that this is having on their times tables knowledge. If your child is unsure how to log in to TTRS or how to earn certificates, please speak to Mrs James or your child's class teacher.

Year 4 are looking forward to sharing their work with you on Thursday 24th October 9-9:30am. Along with their art, homework and photos from the Animal Club visit, they have some fantastic writing to share about some new species of frogs! We hope that you are able to make it.

Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard on their work to share at their celebration of learning on the 23rd October. In English, they have finished their posters about their own made up planet. They have worked hard to make sure they have written lots of information about all aspects of their planets including the climate and animals. Also, they have started to complete their art work in the style of Peter Thorpe to share with you.

This week Year 5 have been completing a few tests, we have all been so impressed with their respectful attitudes and their perseverance.

Thank you for all of the half term homework and spellings that we are receiving. Just a reminder that children have a few more weeks until we share their half term homework. There is also an ongoing times table rockstar battle which 5D are currently winning.

We are really excited to be going on our first Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Museum to continue to learn more about space and light.

Year 6

You should receive the results from our Mock SATs by today. Please contact your child's teacher if they have gone astray, or ask for them at the SAT meeting next Wednesday 9th October at 5.00 p.m.

This week we explored parts of Southwood Country Park. We were amazed at how many different spiders, bugs and flies the children managed to find when we hunted for them. 6H won the 'frog finding' 4-1. The children were complimented by members of the public over their kindness to younger children who were also using the site.

In school we have started to put the finishing touches to our landscape water colours, which you will have the opportunity to view at the above meeting.

Thank you for all your support with spelling, reading and maths homework.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher