



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year R Term 4 2025

Welcome back everyone! We look forward to another super term filled with lots of learning and fun! This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering until the Easter break. If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team in the morning or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day. If you think your conversation will require more time, please arrange a meeting with the teacher via the class email account.

As always, please email the main school account – [manorprimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:manorprimary@sgmail.org.uk) for any urgent matters or issues relating to attendance, school dinners, FOMS events etc. The class email is not read throughout the day as teachers are teaching and managing the class.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack. We would also like to reiterate that as your child is in KS1, they receive a healthy snack provided by school. We therefore ask that all children in KS1 (Year R – 2) **do not** bring in an additional snack. We also ask that no sweets, such as Haribo, are brought in at all. Thank you.

We ask that children come to school in their full school uniform. Please refer to our school website for further information on this - <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/school-uniform>. Please also note our expectations on P.E kits – we have a supply of spare tops and jogging bottoms to lend to children if they are unable to wear the correct kit to school.

As we near the end of the sounds we need to learn in Year R, we will soon be moving onto a '**sentence a week challenge!**' for Home Learning. Please remember to encourage your child to do their Home Learning in pencil and to the best of their ability, returning their work each Thursday so that we can mark and return it.

### Reading

As a reminder, two new reading books are issued each week, a core and a revision book,

### Maths

In maths this term we will be exploring length, height and time. We be working

plus word lists. Each book should be read three times so that by the third time of reading, they are starting to develop fluency and read with more confidence and pace (as discussed in the phonic workshop). The reading books are matched closely to the sounds we are learning in class and therefore, your child should be able to read the majority of the book with only a little bit of support. By the time they read to us in class a week later, they should be able to go through the book without sounding out every word.

We are always searching for new and fun interactive phonics resources and have found a great website called <https://phonicsandstuff.com/>. We hope you find this useful.

If anyone would like to come in and hear readers (grandparents included), we would love to see you.

within 9 and 10 – adding and subtracting, and knowing which pairs add up to make 10. We will also investigate doubling, odd and even numbers within ten. We are praising those children who are now able to recall their double facts (to double 5) and those who are starting to know if a number is odd and even within 10. Please encourage your child to remember these facts in fun ways as it will be really helpful when they move into Year 1.

We have found a great interactive tool which supports all of the maths we learn at school and this is linked to our maths programme: One Minute Maths

**Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-minute maths!**

1. Excellent practice – and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No logs or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. **It's FREE!**

**1-minute MATHS**

### Learning Overview

This term we will start learning about the Spring season and then we will move on to more focused learning about farm animals, their young and the role of the farmer. Please take a look at the Topic Learning Overview on the school website for more detail on what we will cover in all areas of the curriculum. We are looking forward to our trip to Grimsbury Farm when hopefully we will be able to see lots of Spring animals. Please let us know if you would like to join us on our visit via our email once we have sent out the confirmed date.

### Show and Tell

We will continue with Show and Tell this term. Many thanks for helping your child prepare for this by practising what they are going to tell their friends. We have had great fun learning about the children’s favourite songs, games and stories so many thanks for your support with this. Thanks also for contributing to our Reading Scrap Book of recommended reads. The children love learning about each other’s favourite books.



Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school **every** day. We are finding many cardigans at the end of the day and some of the labels are not clear to read – this makes it difficult for the children to identify. If you have time, please could you ensure the labels can still be read.