

To Parents of Children in Years 1 and 2

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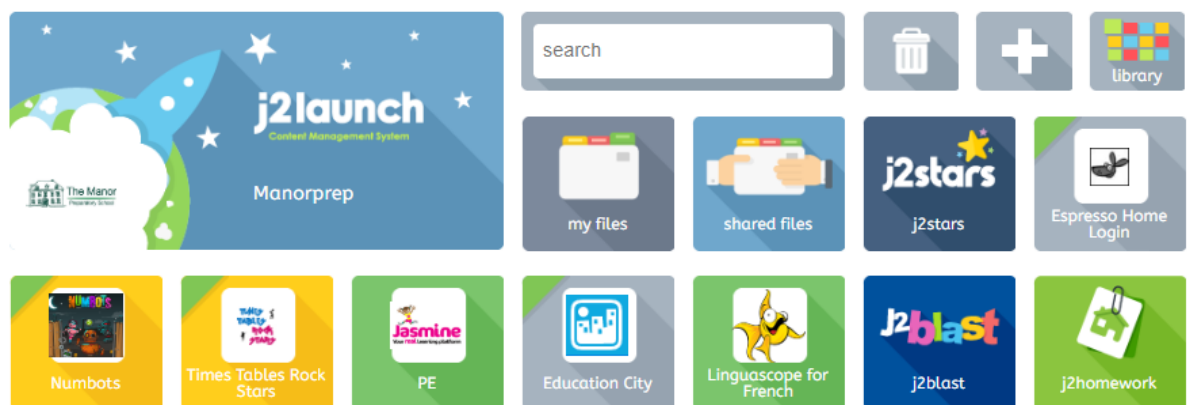
Dear Parents

Welcome to the Summer Term

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you have been able to enjoy some time together as a family making memories, albeit in rather unusual circumstances. I would like to welcome you to the start of the Summer Term and give you some useful information regarding the coming term.

In Year 1 and 2, we have amended the weekly timetable to make it simpler to use at home and provide a more regular pattern of activity. This is with the intention of making the lessons easier to follow and support families while the children are learning from home. The new updated timetable can be found on the website and also as an appendix to this letter. We are very aware that the family arrangements in each household vary so it remains important that you find a routine that works best for you. I fully appreciate that this may mean you need to access the lessons in a slightly different order, or at differing times, and I hope that the combination of tasks set and pre-recorded videos will enable you to do so. The teachers will be available to support you throughout the day so please do get in contact with them whenever needed. With this in mind, we will also be exploring how live video calls (via Google Meet) may be used so staff can communicate with groups of children and spend valuable time with their teachers for stories and social times.

Whilst we have tried to keep logins to various sites to a minimum, in order to create the best range of learning activities for the Year 1 and 2 children, we will be focusing on the following sites to support tasks. J2e.com remains our 'base' platform. Once the children login to this website they will be able to find buttons to access the other sites we are using, such as Education City, Espresso, Linguascope (French), realPE, Timestable Rockstars & Numbots along with J2Blast and their J2stars (rewards given by teachers for their work). These links will require a second login initially but I recommend enabling the device to remember these for subsequent visits as this will help the children be more independent in accessing them. I have also made an introduction video to talk you through J2e.com. This can be found in the children's shared files, Manorpren folder, once they sign into J2e.com. Hopefully this will add to the information I was able to pass onto you last term. We will also be reminding you of these login details.



You will continue to receive a daily email with the activities for the following day. These activities will also be placed in your child's J2e shared files for them to refer to again as needed. Please upload work (photos or videos) to the J2e platform as much as possible so that teachers can mark the work and leave comments for the children. This will create a real dialogue and give opportunities for feedback. Remember that a coloured speech bubble above a piece of uploaded work indicates that feedback has been left. Your child may wish to respond and this can be done by typing or speaking to record a message. We look forward to utilising this tool with you even further this term.



In Year 1 and Year 2 we will continue to follow our Creative Curriculum topics and, where possible, the work the children are doing across the subjects will be linked to the topic.

In **Year 1**, the children will be enjoying lessons as part of the topic '**Yum Yum!**' Through this topic a range of areas are covered including plants and growth, healthy eating, food packaging, poetry and the origin of foods around the world.

In **Year 2**, the topic is '**The Great Outdoors**'. We will begin by looking at Seaside Holidays where we find out about different seaside towns and learn about Victorian seaside holidays. After half-term we will be exploring the Town and Countryside and comparing life in these contrasting locations.

As always, should you have any questions surrounding the care of your child, your first port of call should remain with your child's Form Teacher but I am also available, should the need arise. Please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is: egower@manorprep.org For further assistance with academic and pastoral concerns please contact vevans@manorprep.org or vfootring@manorprep.org.

We are looking forward to another term full of fun activities and creative learning. Please keep in close contact and share the work you are doing with your child's class teacher. Thank you for your willingness to work in partnership with us once again.

Best wishes for a healthy and sunny term,

Mrs Emma Gower
Head of Years 1 and 2

Year 1 Remote Learning Timetable for Summer Term 2020

		1	2	Break	4	5	Lunch	7	8	9
	8:45-9:00	9:00-9:30	9:45-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:45	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:30	1.30-1.45	2.00-3.00pm	3.00-3.30pm
Mon	Year 1 and 2 Assembly	PE Activity from The Manor: or PE with Joe Wicks	Maths	Break	English (Spelling/phonics)	Y1 Story Miss Pearmain	Lunch	Reading	Science	Finishing of tasks, free choice activities, extension tasks. Education city tasks.
Tue	Singing with Mrs Woodall		Maths		English	Golden Time		Reading (& spelling practice)	Topic (History/Geography)	
Wed			Maths		English (Spelling/phonics)	Y1 Music Mrs Woodall		Reading	RE	
Thu	Mr Thomas' Story Assembly		Maths		English	Education City or J2Blast		Reading (& spelling practice)	Art/DT & Craft Activities	
Fri			Mental Maths		English	Education City or J2Blast		Reading (& spelling practice)	PE activity/ Forest School activity	

Year 2 Remote Learning Timetable for Summer Term 2019-20

		1	2	Break	4	5	Lunch	7	8	9
	8:45-9:00	9:00-9:30	9:45-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:45	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:30	1.30-1.45	2.00-3.00pm	3.00-3.30pm
Mon	Year 1 and 2 Assembly	PE Activity from The Manor: or PE with Joe Wicks	Maths	Break	English (Spelling)	Y2 Music Mrs Woodall	Lunch	Reading	Science	Finishing of tasks, free choice activities, extension tasks. Education city tasks.
Tue	Singing with Mrs Woodall		Maths		English	Golden Time		Reading (& spelling practice)	Topic (History/Geography)	
Wed			Maths		English (English Skills)	Y2 Story Miss Pearmain		Reading	French Mm Spikes	
Thu	Mr Thomas' Story Assembly		Maths		English	Timestable Rockstars/ Numbots or J2Blast		Reading (& spelling practice)	Art /DT & Craft Activities	
Fri			Mental Maths		English	Education City Revision tasks or J2Blast		Reading (& spelling practice)	PE activity/ Forest School activity	

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