



**The Manor**  
Preparatory School

## **To Parents of Children in Years 3 and 4**

Friday 17 April 2020

Dear Parents

### **Welcome to the Summer Term**

We wish we could be doing this in person, but we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after the holidays – we hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break. I would also like to warmly welcome you, albeit remotely, to the Summer Term and I trust that this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

Remote Learning in the Summer Term is sure to be busy and exciting and we are keen to make you aware of some of the understandable changes that have been put in place, until our return to school.

To assist with the continuation of the need for Remote Learning, pupils in Years 3 and 4 will be expected to work following amended new timetables, which are now available for you to see on the Parents' Login page on the website. Timetables have been amended throughout the school to enable the whole community to sustain a potentially long period of time of remote learning. The teaching of core subjects has been moved to the mornings with non-core subjects falling later in the day. Music and Drama have collaborated and created a brand new 'Creative Arts' Classroom, details of which will be given to your child by their Form Teacher. Furthermore, educational ideas for fun in the garden and outdoor adventures can be found within your child's 'Forest School for All!' Classroom to end the week.

We would like children to continue to use Google Classroom to access their assigned work daily. Within Google Classroom the pupils can use the class front page, known as the 'Stream', to ask their teachers any questions they may have and to maintain contact with their teachers. The 'Classwork' tab enables children to access their independent work which is set according to the amended new timetable. Your child will be directed to their relevant online 'Classrooms' for subjects taught by other specialist teachers throughout their timetabled day. Teachers will be available within the allocated lesson time to assist with questions that the children may have. Private comments and feedback between pupil and teacher can be given within assigned work. Pre-recorded video lessons will be used to support some lessons and Google Meet, which will offer the opportunity for live video calls, will be introduced pastorally and for registration by the Form Teacher by the end of next week and will enable the teachers to assist in lessons where appropriate. Details will be sent to your child via the Classroom 'Stream'.

In Year 3, children will be focusing on the following topics:

- English - Letter Writing and Story Writing based on 'Gregory Cool' by Caroline Binch
- Maths - Times tables, place value, doubling and halving to 100, column addition, subtraction using 'counting up', multiplying 2-digit numbers by single digit numbers, division with remainders, equivalent fractions, bar charts and pictograms, estimating and weighing objects and telling the time
- Science - Life Processes, Green Plants and Healthy Living
- Geography - Mexico
- History - The Aztecs
- RE - Christianity - The Bible and Old Testament characters

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In Year 4, children will be focusing on the following topics:

- English - Persuasive Writing, Adventure Stories and Stories from Other Cultures
- Maths - Times tables, place value, negative numbers, decimal fractions (tenths and hundredths), area and perimeter, 2D and 3D shapes, equivalent fractions and decimals, column addition and subtraction, multiplying 3-digit numbers by single digits, coordinates, interpreting bar charts, line graphs and pictograms, dividing 2-digit numbers and finding fractions of amounts
- Science - States of Matter (solids, liquids, gases) and Keeping Warm
- History - The Tudors
- RE - Christianity and Hinduism

Mindfulness continues to form a valuable part of our school curriculum and video-lessons on this topic have been posted to the school website for children to access during school closure to support their mental health and wellbeing. Within the Parents' Login page on the website Mindfulness activities have also been shared for the pupils to use. In addition to this, ongoing tasks and extended activities have also been uploaded to the school website, within the Parents' Login Page for Enrichment, Art, Cookery and DT.

Further communication will continue to come to you via our weekly mailing and to you directly from Mr Thomas and Mrs Copson.

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

I cannot believe how quickly the year is flying by! We are very much looking forward to supporting your child through their last term of Year 3 and 4 at The Manor. Let's hope the sun shines and that we are back together before the end of the school year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jennifer Shaw  
Head of Years 3 and 4