



Hello from the Y3/4 Team

Happy New Year! Welcome to the **2018 Spring Term at Manor Primary School**. This information sheet gives you a brief outline of some of the work we will be covering this term.

Our theme for this term is '**Marvellous Me**' which will focus on learning all about bones, muscles, teeth and the digestive system. Where possible we have made links between subjects and have ensured that wherever possible our learning will use our excellent outdoor space. We know that this cross-curricular approach generates enthusiasm from the children and encourages them to extend their learning through independent work at home. There will be a focus on developing learning skills, as well as discovering facts and information. As always, if you would like to volunteer to help with reading in our class or have resources you think would be useful, please let us know.

Literacy

We will be teaching literacy in blocked units of work, the titles of which are: Authors and Letters, Persuasive Writing, Instructions and Stories which Raise Issues/Dilemmas. The children will also have separate Guided Reading and Spelling lessons. We will be encouraging the children to read a range of books; please support this at home and sign the planner when your child has read. In class we will begin by reading Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine'.

Maths

In mathematics we will cover the following topics: geometry, place value (including negative numbers), time, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions and decimals. Teaching will include mental arithmetic, practical activities and formal written methods. The children are flexibly grouped according to ability for that day's learning. Children often have the opportunity to choose the level of difficulty they work on and we encourage children to challenge themselves and achieve as much as they can. Each group will work with the teacher at some point in the week. We will also continue with learning our times tables.

Science/DT

We will be learning about the skeleton and muscles, digestive system and the different types of teeth and their functions. After half term we will focus on healthy eating and we will taste and prepare healthy tooth-friendly snacks, including yoghurt. We also hope to have a visit from a local dentist. Science teaching will include both research and practical investigations.

History/Art

Our History topic is 'The Ancient Egyptians'. We shall be covering life in Ancient Egypt, famous Pharaohs, pyramids, mummification and gods and goddesses. We shall crack the code of Egyptian hieroglyphics, then design and make our own named cartouche out of clay, draw and paint Egyptian artefacts and make an Egyptian collar. On **Thursday 8th of February (the Open Day)** we shall dress up as Egyptians and enjoy a day of Egyptian-related activities in our lessons.

RE, French, Music, Computing and SMSC

RE, French, Music and Computing will continue to be taught during the teachers' PPA (preparation, planning and assessment) time. The teachers will be: Madame Corbett – RE (Inspirational People) and French (French vocabulary and sentence building) and Mrs Davies – Music (Instruments and songs of Egypt) and Computing (play musical software) SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education) will be taught through assemblies and class sessions.

PE

Physical education will include the teaching of a wide range of skills through our new syllabus called 'Real PE', which reflects our Growth Mindset ethos of the school. **Please make sure the children have the correct P.E. kits in school all week** as they are sometimes needed for other activities.

Homework

Topic and Maths Homework will be set on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday, giving teachers enough time to mark the children's books, before returning them with new homework. Spellings are given and tested on Mondays and are attached to your child's planner. We really appreciate your support in encouraging homework to be completed to a good standard.

Planners

Please ensure you look in / update your child's planner every day. Planners should be signed on a weekly basis. Teachers will provide information on the forthcoming units of work and will give feedback on your child's behaviour, homework etc. Encourage your child to look in the front of their planner, where they will find lots of information and help, including spelling and times table support.

Dates to Remember

Hares class assembly- Tuesday 16th January at 2:30pm

Stoats class assembly- Tuesday 27th February at 2:30pm

Please feel free to come and see us if you have any queries or concerns.
We look forward to a happy and productive term!

Best Wishes

The 3 / 4 Team