

Manor Road Round-up

Welcome to our December 2022 Round Up!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Manor Road Round Up and our last one for 2022! It doesn't seem five minutes since we were returning back after the summer and now we are in the grips of a very chilly winter!

Looking back on all the activities and achievements that the children have been involved in it has been another very busy term!

We were very fortunate to be invited to London to meet Sir Lindsay Hoyle and have a tour of Parliament. Classes have also visited Cuerden Valley and we have had lots of special visitors into school.

We have been busy with sporting activities too! The children have taken part in football tournaments, netball, athletics and dance competitions. We have also received the PE Gold Award in recognition of our PE curriculum and participation.

As a school, we have again raised a great deal of money for charity. We held a very successful Macmillan Cake Sale with Year 6 taking the lead in running this. We also had a very successful Children in Need Day, as well as families giving to our Food Bank appeals.

We have again had a Foundation Stage and Key Stage One outing to the pantomime to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. It was a super experience with children and adults alike, enjoying every minute of the performance. Our Foundation Stage and Year One and Two children have also performed their own superb productions reminding us of what Christmas is all about.

As this year comes to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff, governors, parents and volunteers for the continued support that they give the school. Manor Road is a very special school, which continues to thrive due to everyone working together as a team.

I wish everyone a very happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to the new year ahead.



Ash Class

What a fabulous and busy first term Ash Class have had! The class have worked so hard this term and lots of lovely friendships have been made along the way!

In September, we arrived at school after meeting each other on the induction days in June. Friendships and families was our initial focus and it was lovely to see the bonds developing and the confidence growing. We all brought in photos of our families and we all enjoyed starting to do 'Show and Tell' where we grew in confidence and listened well to others.

The children LOVED meeting Dina and Wally at Dinosaur School! We sang songs and talked about rules and routines at school.

We have been having so much fun in the role play areas at school. We had a home corner, an ASDA shop which the children loved and also a Santa's Grotto. The class absolutely love imaginative play and enjoy creating their own stories with the peg dolls and small world figures too.



We have read many, many stories since starting school to widen children's vocabulary. A favourite of the class was The Rainbow Fish. We used The Write Stuff template to complete learning chunks and the children tried so hard to get their words and sentences on the Sentence Stacking Wall!

The class are trying really hard in phonics and are learning digraphs this month. We have also worked really hard on our fine motor control and especially on our cutting skills.



We really enjoyed Inter-Faith week where we focussed on Christianity. The children learnt the Christmas story as well as Noah's Ark. We made a giant ark out of cardboard and tried to recreate the story.

Maths has been focussing on a range of areas with numbers all around being popular. We have been working on knowing numbers to 10 and recognising them in different scenarios.

This half term, we have been busy preparing for the Christmas Nativity and what a show it was! A huge well done to all the children.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Have a wonderful break!

**Merry
Christmas**

The word 'Christmas' is written in large, colorful, 3D-style letters. The 'C' is red, 'h' is green, 'r' is red, 'i' is green, 's' is red, 'm' is green, 'a' is red, and 's' is green. A candy cane is integrated into the letter 'o', and a red and green bow with holly leaves is positioned above the 'm'.

Elm Class

What a fabulous and busy first term Elm Class have had! The children have worked so hard this term and lots of lovely friendships have been made along the way!

In September, the children kicked off the year with their first English unit – ‘One stop on Market Street’. The children learnt how to sentence stack and explored new vocabulary to make their writing even better. In the second half term, we launched our second English unit – A Trip to the Woods - by having a fun filled experience day exploring different activities around our beautiful grounds. The children learnt all the different parts of a recount in this non-fiction unit. The children finished the unit with a walk to Cuerden Valley and wrote their own recounts of the walk.



In Maths, the children have been learning how to read and write the number names to 10, they have been finding 1 more and 1 less than a number up to 20 as well as adding and subtracting using number bonds. To end the chapter, the children learnt how to use fact families to write different additions and subtractions.

During our Science lessons, we grouped and classified animals, focussing on the five main animal groups. The children also sorted animals by their diet and learnt new scientific vocabulary such as: herbivore, omnivore and carnivore. We have also been exploring the seasons in our unit about seasonal change. The children have been spotting the changes and looking for signs of Autumn. In Geography, we learnt about the seven continents of the world and what animals live there.

After half term, our Great Fire of London topic captured the imagination of the children, as they investigated historical sources of information, using a fantastic online game. Our show case morning gave the opportunity for parents, carers and relatives helped the children to make amazing model Tudor style houses using recycled materials, was a huge success and enjoyed by all!



In our DT unit, the children explored the moving mechanisms – ‘sliders’ and ‘pivots’. They developed their skills in problem solving, as they designed and created pictures and a Christmas card with moving mechanisms.

In Art, the children have explored water colours to make a silhouette piece of artwork. They were amazing at evaluating their work and discussing what they liked about it and what they would change if they did it again.

Elm Class have enjoyed ‘Jimmy the Elf’ being in class. Each morning the children have been excitedly waiting to see what he has been up to! The build up to Christmas has been magical and the children did a superb job in our Christmas Nativity. We definitely have some budding actors and singers!



We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas!

Oak Class

What a busy term Oak Class have had so far this year!

As we continued The Write Stuff, the children have increased their vocabulary and their stamina for writing. Our first unit took us on a bus ride to 'The Last Stop on Market Street', which was a little boy's adventure on a bus with his Grandma, off to help at a soup kitchen.

Our Geography unit gave the children the opportunity to use globes, atlases and maps to locate the equator and they are beginning to understand the difference between climate and weather and how and why this changes across the world. The children used maps to locate animals that live in different climates and researched what the different habitats were like. This linked nicely to Science, where we studied animal groups, looking at similarities and differences and the key features to recognise and group mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles.

We had an extremely busy Art Week as we looked at the animal patterns. We used patterns to begin to tell a story, using different printing styles and techniques. We did rubbings, printed with natural and man-made objects and made our own printing blocks with cardboard and string. We created a pattern using both printing blocks.



In the second half of this term, we moved onto a Non-Fiction unit all about 'A Woodland Adventure' which meant we could use our amazing outdoor area and woods. We spent experience days outside exploring the woods, colour hunting, building a woodland den for a hedgehog and drinking delicious hot chocolate to complete our days. We played in the leaves and collected a variety items from around the grounds.

Before completing our next piece of independent writing, the children went on our own woodland walk in the amazing Cuerden Valley. We played eye spy, spotted wildlife, jumped in puddles, squelched in mud, played Pooh sticks, had a snack and did a scavenger hunt before walking home before it rained. We then wrote our own recount of the Cuerden Valley walk, using what we had learned in class. In Science, the class began to look at Seasons in more detail, the months of the year and how these fit into the seasons.

We have spent a lot of time working on our Year 1 Non-Negotiables which are the key foundations for fabulous writing. We also thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the fabulous author of Oscar and Ben, Sean Perkins.

We have taken some time in History this term to learn about the soldiers in World War 1 and why we remember them. The children listened to the story "Where Poppies Now Grow", a story of friendship and war; they experienced the sounds of a battle and tried to imagine how it would have felt and wrote a letter home.

We are currently working on sliders and levers in Design Technology to create a moving Christmas card and nativity scene.

We have also had a fantastic time rehearsing and performing our Christmas play and hope you all enjoyed it.

Wow! What a fabulous term the class have worked so hard and we have had so much fun!



Yew Class

As I write this, I can scarcely believe we are already so close to Christmas 2022! This term has absolutely flown by, filled with lots of exciting learning and activities.

In our English lessons, we have been using a blend of grammar revision lessons, combined with The Write Stuff units 'The Crow's Tale' based on a colourful and lively traditional fable, and 'Hibernation', a non-chronological report writing unit. We have also written independent pieces based on our trip to the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and our version of the Nativity story. We are focussing really hard on improving our handwriting formation- hoping to achieve the 'Handwriting Hero' accolade each week.



Maths No Problem has so far covered 3 of the 4 key operations: adding and subtracting, including using renaming where necessary, and multiplying. In each area, we have also begun to learn how to apply our knowledge to solving word problems. We will move on to division in the New Year.

In Science this term, we have learned about animals, including humans, where we found out that we are mammals who give birth to live babies, which then grow to adulthood in a life cycle. We were very lucky to have a live baby visiting us - Madeleine's baby sister, Scarlett, who helped us to put our learning into context. We also found out about other life-cycles, including those with a metamorphosis, such as caterpillar to butterfly, and tadpole to frog. We are now learning about Living Things, recognising the distinction between things that are alive, those that were once alive, and those which have never been alive at all. We have discovered that all living things, including plants, can grow, take on nutrients, produce waste and respire, amongst other things.

Both our Geography and History units this term have focussed on our local area, looking at maps, past and present, comparing buildings, facilities and landscape over time. We were interested to find out that on the site of the Lidl there was once The Pines Hotel which had previously been a privately-owned home. We also found out that the Ley Inn had been a farm until the 1970's, and that the old Whittle Surgery had once been a tearoom!



In Computing, we have learned about the role of technology around school, looking at inputs and outputs from devices. We have also begun to work on our typing skills using the 'Jungle Gym Junior' programme to help us to navigate our way quickly round a 'Querty' keyboard.

In PE, we enjoyed swimming for the first half-term, making good progress in our skills, as well as running the weekly mile on Fridays, weather-permitting! The second half-term, we have been developing our gymnastic skills, using travels and balances to create short sequences of movement, in addition to working on our under-arm throwing and catching techniques.

We have also been very lucky to have a fantastic student with us since October, Mrs Rushton, who has taught us a cross-section of lessons and supported us with phonics and maths boosters.

In the run-up to Christmas, we enjoyed a fun trip to the pantomime to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we loved our Christmas craft afternoon, making decorations for the classroom and to take home later. We also had a brilliant time preparing and presenting our lively Christmas production, full of fabulous singing and musical instrument-playing! Finally, during our last week of term, we are having great fun enjoying our party days and our Christmas dinner, as well as singing in our end of term Carol Concert.



Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year!

Year 3

How this term has flown by!

In English, we have read and written comedies and stories and are currently working on persuasive brochures.

From Wannabes to Rock Legends, we have been working very hard to learn our times tables in Maths and are expanding our calculation skills to include three-digit numbers and beyond.



For our first half term's Geography topic, we learnt about national parks and made 3D maps of hills and valleys like the ones we saw in the Lake District. We made posters advising tourists about looking after the countryside and made a Digimap of places to visit around Windermere.

We enjoyed looking at natural sculptures in Art and worked really well together to create our own masterpieces.

In Science, we investigated and compared different skeletons, making up our own weird and wonderful vertebrates and playing skull detective. After half term, we learnt about different food groups, healthy diets and food labelling.

In Design Technology, we went on to design healthy 'balanced' sandwiches for our friends, which has made many of us feel more sympathetic towards parents with a fussy child!



In History, we have been discovering how Stone Age people lived and were very impressed to find that some Neolithic houses at Skara Brae on Mainland Orkney, even had flushing toilets.

We have been learning how to email each other kind messages during our Computing lessons and have been interested to find out what is inside a computer and how it all works, or what might be happening when computers seem slow.

More recently, we have decorated our classroom for Christmas. You'd be amazed by what we can do with paper and glue!

Although we are looking forward to a well-earned break, we will carry on reading and continuing our journeys to Rock Stardom so that we will be ready for the new year. We wish you all a merry Christmas!



Year 4

Autumn has been full of fantastic work in Year 4!

We started off our term by creating our very own sequel to 'The Princess and the Pea' and we are now half way through our adventure unit linking to 'The Iron Man. Before the Iron Man, we made our own play scripts linking to our current History topic 'The Plague'.

The children have really enjoyed English, using The Write Stuff and are gaining confidence with their editing skills and language. It has been lovely to see so many of them make good progress already!



During Autumn 1, we learnt all about rivers. We can now talk confidently about the journey a river takes and identify features of rivers at different stages of the course. We can also name and locate rivers around world and compare them in size and age.

In History we have been learning all about the plague. Our classroom windows were full of red crosses, so keep your distance and do not enter! The children have really enjoyed learning all about the gruesome symptoms of the deadly disease and found it interesting finding out about how it sadly spread to Eyam.

Science has been very enjoyable during our first term as we have carried out lots of investigations and experiments. The children have loved getting practically involved and work well in groups. Our first Science unit was electricity and the children made their own circuits and tested various materials and items along the way. We are now learning all about sound and are making lots of noise next to Mrs Marshall's office each week which appears to be a real hit!

In Design Technology, we have really got into the Christmas spirit by producing our own moving greetings cards for a member of our family or a friend! These were quite a challenge as they were rather fiddly but they looked amazing when completed. When planning, we knew we had to make cards move and light up using circuits and mini bulbs which is a great link to previous Scientific learning.

Last half term in Art, we produced self-portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso's cubism. We used our own photographs and a cubism app on the iPads and created outstanding drawings!

In Maths, we have been trying very hard to plug and gaps and challenge ourselves. Some often recap learning from Year 3 to ensure they are confident and lots of children are attempting challenges each lesson when they finish their work. We now recognise and can talk about numbers to 10,000, are able to add and subtract using a variety of written and mental strategies and have finished the term by starting to multiply and divide larger amounts.

All in all, the start of Year 4 has been enjoyable and successful. The children are hardworking and great fun. We are now looking forward to Christmas and working hard in the new year.



Year 5

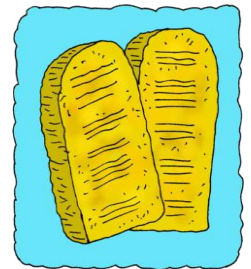
This term in Year 5 has been a whirlwind and the children have remained so focused and worked extremely hard. We are so proud of them!



In English, we took a journey to the Moon with 'Luna' which inspired the children to create their own stories using complex sentences, relative clauses and even adverbials of time. Some children even made their very own space helmets!

In Maths, we have covered lots of areas: place value, square numbers, composite numbers; addition and subtraction, multiplication and division; long multiplication and long division. Wow!

In RE, we have looked at the Jewish story of Noah's Ark and created our own story boards detailing what happened with drawings and writing. We also looked at the Ten Commandments and wrote some of our own.



In Art, we have looked at the work of Robin Brooks. We then created some of our own versions of the collage, which turned out beautifully.

In Design Technology, we created some fantastic 3D snowflakes using paper chains for display in our classroom. We also recycled old Christmas cards into some fantastic new versions for family and friends – we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did!

We have had a fabulous, fun-filled final week of this term, with our Christmas party and a wonderful Christmas lunch. We are now looking forward to our whole-school Christmas sing-a-long on Friday before finishing school for 2022.

The children have worked very hard this term and deserve a well-earned break over Christmas. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Year 6

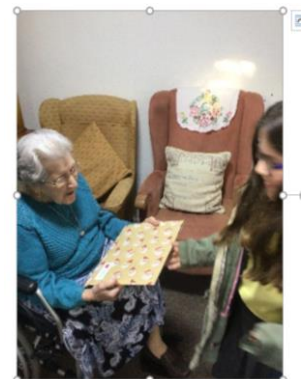
It has been an absolute pleasure to move up to Year Six with this class. We have had a really busy term.

In English, we have been busy writing a speech, a romantic novel and the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel.

For Maths, we have been revising place value, addition, subtraction and fractions. Every week, we have been completing an arithmetic paper to build up our scores.

We have had quite a few visitors this half term. Lisa Grieg, from The Women's Refuge, looked more closely at healthy relationships with the class. P.C. Connor came in to talk about the age of criminal responsibility. Finally, we have started debt awareness sessions courtesy of Chorley Council.

As part of our Design Technology topic, we designed and made advent calendars. After a lot of hard work, we took the calendars and gave them to the residents and staff at Brookside Care Home. The children sang carols for the residents, and it was lovely to spend time with them. This was a very rewarding topic with a real outcome. I know that we are looking to visit the care home again in the summer term. It was amazing to meet Rosina who is 101 years old.



In our Art topic, we looked at two artists, Rosa Bonheur and Guy Coheleach, who specialise in drawing big cats. The children did their own versions of big cats and these are currently on display in the Year 6 corridor.



I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year.



PARENT, TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity Number **1107072**

Thanks to your generous support we have had a really successful start to our year raising at least £2,667 this term.

We have held a few PTFA Uniform Sales and this is having a break until Spring (and the warmer weather). Should anyone want anything from the Uniform Shop, please see "Ways to Contact Us" below.

The Spooky Disco was held before half term with DJ Guy Barker doing another great job of entertaining infants and juniors. We saw a fantastic turnout meaning this raised £1248.72. Thanks to everyone for their support.

At the end of November, we held our Annual General Meeting where the election of officers took place. Bex Walmsley was voted in as Chair, being supported by Cara Hayhurst as Vice Chair and Iwona Kossek as Secretary. Michelle Taylor continues as Treasurer.

From a spending perspective, it has been agreed we will be raising funds to enable work to be carried out on the much loved trim trail. More details will follow next year.

In December, the annual Colour Stalls event raised an amazing £842.80 and it was lovely to see the children have such fun in choosing presents and getting their gift wrapped to take home. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations that made this event so successful. The PTFA have also funded treats for all the Christmas parties in school this week.

After a great response last year, the Christmas Hamper raffle returned to the PTFA calendar for 2022. A massive thank you to all families who have supported this through non uniform donations, donating raffle prizes and buying tickets. We also need to thank our PTFA elves who have prepared the magical prizes. The raffle draw was held on Wednesday afternoon and all winners have been notified via Class DoJo. It was lovely to see the children's response in class to winning class hampers and other prizes, as well as lots of smiling parents carrying prizes home. We hope that the winners enjoy their prizes and we thank everyone again for their fantastic festive support. We need to finish off the final counting, but this has raised at least £575.90. We will publish the final amount in the New Year.

Thanks to all those who have helped out at PTFA events this term, making the events so successful and enjoyable – it's really appreciated and we can't do it without you. If anyone has any new fundraising ideas, please contact us or join us for our next meeting on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 6.30pm at The Halfway House. Everybody is welcome to come along as we plan for events in the Spring term including the Valentine's Disco, Mother's Day and Easter Bingo.

We appreciate that some new families to school might not know who the members of the PTFA team are. To ensure that everyone knows who to talk to for anything PTFA related, we have created a Meet Your PTFA Team Poster, which has been sent out on ParentMail this week.

Gift Amnesty – as we have done in previous years, we will be having an anonymous gift recycling box by the school office in January. If anyone wishes to donate unwanted gifts towards raffle prizes at our events, this would be very much appreciated. There will also be a box for any pre-loved Christmas jumpers, ready for our Christmas jumper sale next year!

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.