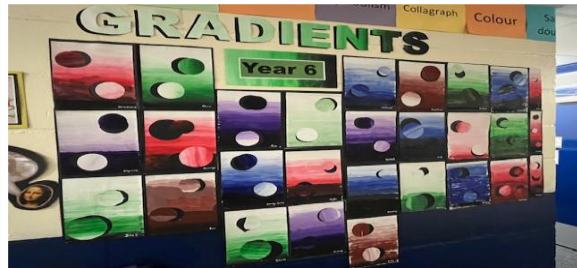


Headteacher's Message – Spring Term

As we begin a new year and a new term, it has been wonderful to see our children return with such enthusiasm and readiness for learning. I continue to be incredibly proud of the consistency they show in their behaviour, their positive attitudes, and the pride they take in wearing their school uniform. These daily habits make a real difference and help create a calm, purposeful environment in which every child can thrive. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for their ongoing partnership; by working together, we can ensure the very best for our children and support them to achieve their full potential throughout the term ahead.



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Art

The Spring term brings with it lots more exciting opportunities with Egyptian art, watercolour portraits underwater! Observational sketching and an exploration into the work of Hans Holbein the Younger. Watch this space!

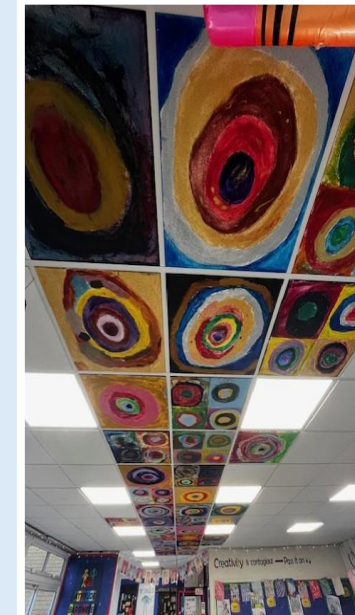
It is with great sadness that we share the news that Mrs Clarke, our much-loved Art teacher, will be leaving Manorfield at the end of this school year. Mrs Clarke has been part of our school family for nearly 20 years, and we honestly thought she would always be here!

Her incredible creativity has drenched Manorfield in beautiful art through her outstanding lessons and unforgettable Art Weeks. Beyond art, Mrs Clarke has brought music to life by leading the choir and making our singing assemblies truly special. The Big Sing and our carol concerts will never be the same without her.

We have so many wonderful memories with Mrs Clarke—from the Horley Carnival to being our Sports Day announcer, and from the amazing displays to the joy she brought to every event. Even after she has left, her presence will remain all around us in the stunning artwork and displays she created, and in the memories she has given us.

Mrs Clarke has given so much to our school, our children, staff, and parents. We know this news will be as devastating for you as it has been for us. She will be moving to Cornwall to live in her dream location—a community that will be so lucky to have her! Mrs Clarke plans to continue working with children and sharing the amazing opportunities she has given to generations of Manorfield pupils.

We wanted to let you know sooner rather than later so we can all process this together. Mrs Clarke, you are a truly 'gorgeous' person, and we don't think you realise just how much you will be missed. You will leave a huge, enthusiastic hole at Manorfield, but we wish you every happiness in your exciting new chapter.



Bumblebees

Its been lovely to welcome back our Bumblebees after the Christmas break and welcome our new families and children in Dragonfly Class. The children have settled in well and have enjoyed exploring the environment and building new relationships. We have also welcomed our new team member Jo (JoJo).

This term we will be starting our learning theme - transport and vehicles. This week we have enjoyed turning our garden bike area into a working car wash. The children used the loose parts and bikes to make a wonderful space to clean and fix bikes. This extended into a mechanic area and a petrol station. The children worked together with great team work. We will continue to support new vocabulary, mathematics and creative skills through this theme over the next few weeks. We are excited to build on our cooking skills in our weekly cooking club. Forest School will continue to support our outdoor learning and key skills throughout winter and into spring.



Ladybirds & Caterpillars

We have been so impressed with how quickly Caterpillars and Ladybirds have settled back into school after the holiday. This half term we will be looking at the traditional tales 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff,' 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' This week the children have enjoyed making and testing bridges for the goats to go across. We are looking forward to making our own gingerbread men and planting and growing beans.



Butterflies

Year 1 had an amazing start to the term last week with our Science week. Lots of 'awe and wonder', with our exciting experiments!
(and a lot of mess – our poor cleaner!)

We then started this week with our 'hook' to link to our new story 'The Three Little Pigs'. The Three little Pigs sent us a message explaining that the wolf had been in town blowing down their houses and asking us to help to build some new ones for them. We got to work building models of houses but when we got back to class after lunch someone had sneaked in and smashed them up. Could it have been the Big Bad Wolf? We discussed how we felt seeing our models broken using adjectives such as sad, angry, frustrated, annoyed. We then read the story of The Three Little Pigs by Mara Alperin.

Our new Learning theme is called 'I'll huff and I'll puff', we found out that we will be learning about materials and their properties and talked about what we already knew.
We are looking forward to all out new learning.

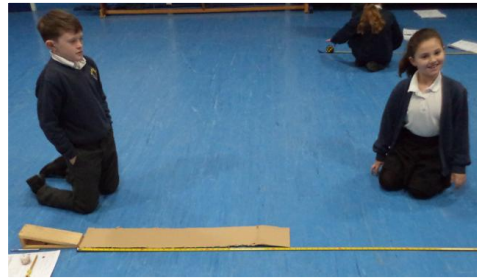


Tigers

We have started this half term with a fantastic Science week. We investigated the properties of materials and considered their suitability for different purposes. We investigated the most suitable material for a waterproof hat to keep Mrs Francis' head dry and a material that would keep Miss Taylor's hot chocolate warm. We were all very surprised at the results from our investigation. We finished our week off with a task to build a bridge out of three sheets of paper. The instructions were that we could only use the paper and our hands: no glue, scissors or tape!! We tested its strength by putting weights on the structure to see if it would be strong enough to hold it.



Monkeys



We had an incredibly busy first week back, beginning the new term with Science week. Each day we completed a different experiment linked to forces and magnets. We even had a visit from some scientists who showed us how to make bubbles.

Some of us managed to bounce them off of our jumpers. We are looking forward to learning more about our next topic linked to volcanoes, fossils and rocks.

Giraffes

Year 4 have had a wonderful start to the Spring term with Science Week! We learned all about the different types of teeth and carried out an exciting investigation into how different liquids affect them - using eggs as our model. We also explored the digestive system and even recreated it using a banana sandwich, which was both messy and fascinating! To finish off the week, we extracted DNA from a strawberry, and the children absolutely loved it. We truly felt like real scientists!

Looking ahead, we're excited to dive into our new topic 'Ancient Egypt'. As part of this, we'll be creating a news report about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The children are already buzzing with enthusiasm, and we can't wait to get started!



Leopards

2026 has opened with a fantastic science week in Year 5, where we made, among other things, lava lamps, extracted the DNA of strawberries, separated materials and built circuits to look for conductivity of materials – it was a very busy, enjoyable week!

It's Year 5's big Shakespeare half term where we immerse ourselves in all things Macbeth and look at how and why Shakespeare's work is still relevant today. Auditions have been completed and after an extremely hard job as your children were all incredible, everyone has been assigned a role and we begin rehearsals and practice in earnest.

We are very excited to welcome back The Guildford Shakespeare Company and Delight who will be putting on their own version of Macbeth so the children can see it performed before they undertake their show!

Phew! We are sure it will be an excellent half term as always!



Lions

Year 6 have had an exciting start to this half term with an action-packed Science Week, exploring the fascinating topic of light through hands-on workshops delivered by Thermo Fisher and Gatwick STEM.

Building on this momentum, we have a range of engaging projects ahead: a kaleidoscope design and technology project, Jazz in music, and a deep dive into the wonders of the Northern Lights in geography. In English, we'll be immersing ourselves in the thrilling world of secret agents as we read and write our own stories inspired by Alex Rider: Point Blanc. This promises to be an adventurous and creative half term with the annual residential trip happening too.



Reminders & Info

For term dates and upcoming events, please see the calendar on our new and improved website!

www.Manorfield.surrey.sch.uk

Uniform

All children should come to school in the correct uniform, including a navy blue sweatshirt, white polo shirt and grey trousers/skirts. Please ensure your children have black or grey socks/tights and black school shoes.

Please also ensure your child brings a coat to school every day.

Packed Lunches & Dietary Requirements

If your child has any dietary requirements – whether due to allergies, religious reasons or personal choice, please make sure you have completed a Dietary Requirements Form so we can accommodate their needs at school. We also have students with severe allergies, so we kindly ask that you adhere to our nut free school policy and any packed lunches/snacks brought from home are completely nut free.

Punctuality

The school gates are open at 8.40am and are locked at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is in school on time. If you are late to school, you will need to bring your child in through the school office and sign them in on the late register.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school everyday. It is essential that the children remain hydrated throughout the day. These can be refilled in school as they also take their bottles in to the lunch hall with them.

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not need to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.



**WOW
Wednesday is
returning**

**We will also be having Stay
& Play sessions for
Preschool & Reception
parents.**

**LOOK OUT FOR THE
DATES COMING
HOME SOON**