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12th February 2016

Spring Half Term Newsletter

Dates for the diary

February 2016

Back to School: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
FOML Quiz Night: 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

March 2016

Yr 1 trip - Marwell Zoo: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar  
FOML Secret Shop: 4<sup>th</sup> Mar  
FOML Meeting (Hall): 11<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Hedgehog Cakebake: 18<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Easter Egg Hunt: 21<sup>st</sup> Mar  
End of Spring Term: 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

April 2016

Back to School: 11<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Drama Workshop: 12<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Yr 2 trip - Kew Gardens: 15<sup>th</sup> Apr

Please note:

- ❖ School closes at 1.15pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- ❖ Spring holidays: 25<sup>th</sup> Mar - 8<sup>th</sup> Apr
- ❖ Back to School: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Apr

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy half term and everybody has worked incredibly hard. The children have been learning about British Values and working really hard at understanding how to be an effective learner through our six 'Learning Behaviours'.

I'm sure that you are able to see for yourselves how well the new build is progressing. We are very excited and it is a wonderful opportunity for our children to see their new school being built. The build remains on track and of course I will keep you informed if there is going to be any significant changes to the school routines.

We are very lucky to have such supportive parents at Manby Lodge and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parent volunteers. We are always happy to have more, so please contact your class teacher if this is something you would be interested in doing.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Creasey



## Reception

In Reception this term we have enjoyed talking about and planting daffodils in our garden area.

We have worked hard to produce self-portraits, which have helped us to understand our uniqueness. We have then related this to our work on British Values.

We have celebrated different cultures by finding out about Chinese New Year. We have developed our role play areas into a Chinese Restaurant, a Cake Shop, a Hospital and a Police Station. This has helped us with various writing opportunities.

In PE we have learnt to carry, put out and put away our mats, benches and other PE equipment. We have also continued to develop our fine motor skills.

The children have enjoyed story times in the Bus and have worked hard to develop their understanding of our six 'Learning Behaviours'.



## Fostering in Surrey



## Fostering Opening Evening:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February  
7-9pm  
Esher High School  
More Lane  
Esher  
KT10 8AP

Come along to a Fostering Open Evening where Foster Carers, Fostered Young People and Care Leavers will talk about what it is like to foster and be fostered in Surrey County Council's Fostering Service.

There is no need to book, you can just turn up and there is no obligation to take your interest further.

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### Internet Safety

Please help us by reminding your child how to stay safe online.

### SMARTY



### Safe:

Don't give out your personal information

### Meeting:

Don't agree to meet someone

### Ask:

Ask an adult before going online

### Remember:

Remember to always be kind online

### Tell:

Tell an adult if you are worried or scared

### You:

You will be safe !

### Year One

This term we have really enjoyed learning about animals and in particular the different types of animal groups. Whilst learning we have been doing lots of sorting activities and using our reasoning skills to explain our decisions.

We have been looking closely at all the different lines and shapes that exist in Art. We have then used these skills, as well as paint mixing to sketch and paint our favourite animal prints.



In English we had a magical key left in our classroom. We wrote a fantasy story using adjectives to describe where we thought the key had come from and whom we thought the key belonged to.

We also introduced the children to multiplication and we have used lots of practical resources and drawing to help solve problems.

We are really looking forward to our trip to Marwell Zoo next half term.



## Year Two

We have enjoyed learning lots of new things this term.

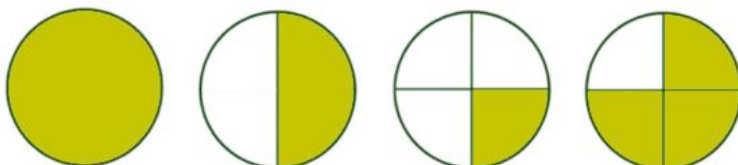
We studied and compared different books by Roald Dahl. Whilst studying 'The Twits' we looked at how to write a character description using adjective and noun phrases. When reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' the children used adverbs and exciting verbs to write a recipe for making their own potion! They completed this unit of work by writing their very own chapters.



The children have learnt about oceans and continents in our topic 'Around the World'. They have compared and contrasted different countries and looked at different cultures.

We focused on living things and habitats in Science, allowing the children to think about what being alive means. They have been identifying questions that we could ask to determine if something has been alive, has never been alive or was once alive.

In Maths we have consolidated partitioning as well as adding and subtracting using partitioning. We have learned about fractions of shapes, numbers and equivalent fractions. Mental Maths is an on going activity that the children practice every day.



## Reminders

### Holidays During Term Time

Please may I remind parents of the DFE guidelines:

"No holidays will be authorised unless there are "exceptional circumstances". You may be liable for a fixed penalty fine."

Please see the Attendance Policy which can be viewed on the school website.

### Term Dates

Surrey school term and holiday dates can also be found on the school website under the 'Our School' tab.

### Spring Term Values



For February  
Honesty



For March  
Respect

**'Wishing all our children  
a wonderful half term  
break'**