



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families and welcome back to school. The children have made an excellent start to the new term.

On behalf of all the staff here at Manland, I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and children for the incredibly generous gifts received at the end of term. As you will know, we have been in a 'Covid Outbreak' at school for some time. During this time, we have been working closely with Hertfordshire Public Health and implementing our Outbreak Management Plan. It appears that the extended Christmas break acted as a circuit breaker for us, and as of today we are no longer in an outbreak. As a reminder, an outbreak is when:

5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;

Or

10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.

Fingers crossed we are on the road to a healthy and successful term.

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

Diary Dates

04.02.22	HSA Grow a Pound Marketplace in hall @3.15
04.02.22	Reception height/ weight/ sight screening Year 6 Nurse health check visit
07.02.22	Year 5 Bikeability Week
09.02.22	Coffee morning with Mrs Kemp for Children with additional needs
11.02.22	House Learning Day



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 98.5%.



Manland Value Award

Matthew in Year 2 has been an inspiration to his peers over the last term. He always pushes himself to achieve in class and went 'above and beyond' leading up to Christmas, where he offered to teach us to write Chinese characters and even brought in resources to help us learn! He takes pride in his heritage and it is inspiring to see his enthusiasm and drive to achieve.



Spotlight on History

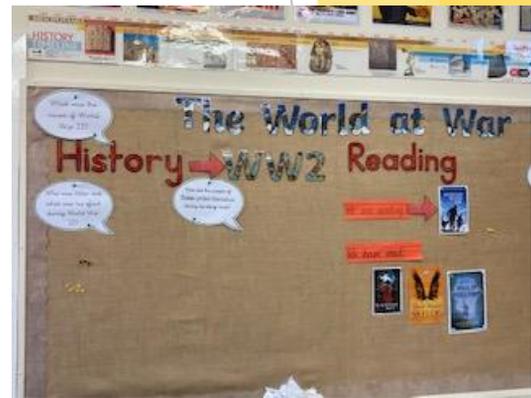
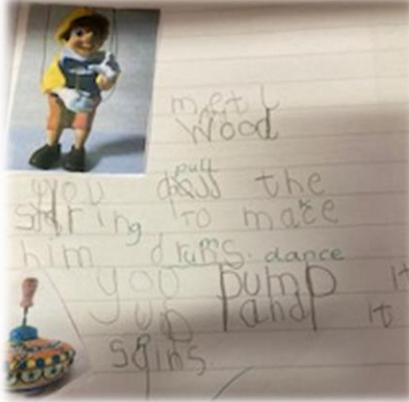


At Manland, through the teaching of **History**, we aim to inspire our pupils' curiosity to know more about the past in Britain and the wider world and help them to appreciate our customs, beliefs and traditions and those of other cultures. In our Reception classes, History is taught as part of 'Understanding of the World', building on the child's own experience of places, people and their environment.

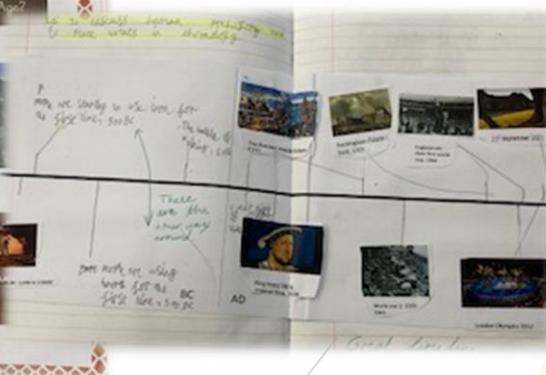
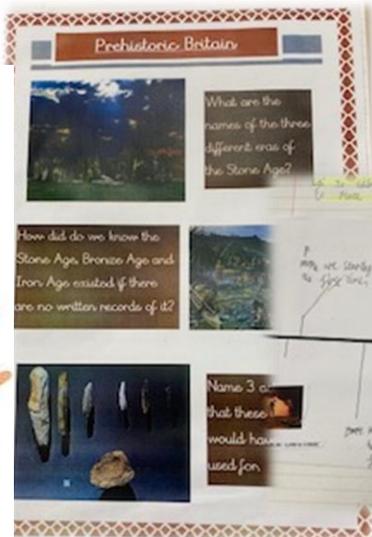


Year 1 have been learning about toys and how they have changed over time

Year 6 are about to start their learning on **WW2**



Year 3 have been exploring Prehistoric Britain. They have been finding out about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age





Safeguarding

Guidance for parents and carers regarding online harassment and keeping children safe online

In December, the Children's Commissioner launched a guide for parents and carers on online harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online.

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21 year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around online harassment, peer to peer abuse and access to inappropriate content.

The recommendation is that conversations on these topics are started with children before they have access to a mobile phone or social media, which in many cases is around the age of 9 or 10.

Please follow the link to the right, to access the guidance from the Children's Commissioner.



https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/?utm_source=16%20December%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19



YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however the App store rates YouTube as 17+ due to the content that can be found on there.

How can I make YouTube safer?

- **Turn on Restricted mode** as this restricts the availability of mature content. You will need to set up a Google account to do this.
- **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can **talk to you** if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.
- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content**.

YouTube Kids



YouTube recommends that **YouTube Kids** is used for children under the age of 13 as it provides a safer environment and offers greater controls (you can select the shows that you would prefer them to watch). Find out how to set up the parental controls here:

<https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB>

Supervised experience (Beta version)

Managed by you by creating a supervised Google Account. It allows you to choose from three content settings:

- **Explore:** generally suitable for ages 9+.
- **Explore More:** generally suitable for viewers ages 13+.
- **Most of YouTube:** contains almost all YouTube content (except age-restricted content) so it will include sensitive topics that may only be appropriate for older teens. <https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/>



Posting videos

You should be over 13 years of age to post videos. Talk to your child about posting videos, do they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments? YouTube have produced these tips:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244?hl=en-GB>

Should I let my child set up a YouTube account?

This article features the benefits and risks of using YouTube and their top tips: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-i-let-my-child-set-up-a-youtube-account/>



Queen's Jubilee

There is an additional Bank Holiday planned for 3rd June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. This date falls within the May half term. Therefore school will be closed on Monday 6th June 2022 in lieu of the 3rd June 2022 Bank Holiday.





Parking outside school

Please can we ask parents/carers who are waiting outside in cars at pick up or drop off to turn off their engines, and not leave them idle. Many thanks.

Want to learn to play the Ukulele?

St Albans Music School is offering a exciting opportunity to learn Ukulele! For more info, check out this link - <https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-centres-in-hertfordshire/st-albans-music-school/ukulele-bandits-at-st-albans-music-school.aspx>

The House Captains collected in the House Point boxes at the end of the autumn term and are pleased to announce the house point totals so far.

House	Total house points
Dragons	929
Griffins	1096
Unicorns	944
Phoenix	1009



Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work earning House Points – keep going!



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Suzy, Tabitha and Inaiya, in Year 6, who passed their Grade 2 Violin exam in December!
Congratulations to William in Year 6 who achieved a Merit in his Grade 5 Verse and Prose Exam.

Fantastic achievements!



Twitter

Please remember to follow us on Twitter to find out more about the children's learning and achievements in school.
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