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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have been back in school for two weeks already. The children have been working hard and are engaged in their new topics. You should have received a knowledge map to inform you about the new topics your child will be learning this term, but if you missed that email, these can also be found on the school website: [Overviews and Knowledge Maps](#)

Year 6's Exciting Visit - Zoolab!

Year 6 started the Spring term with a fantastic impact day to start their topic, 'Hola, South America!'. During the morning each class experienced three different activities. They certainly began the term with a bang as they learnt about Samba music and had a go at learning different rhythms. The drums were definitely used with great enthusiasm! The children learnt about the Yawanawà Tribe and this inspired some fantastic art work. Each class also had an enlightening lesson led by Zoolab, who taught them about some animals found in the rainforest. They got to see and touch an African snail, a cockroach and a corn snake! They also learnt about (and saw) a White Tree Frog and a scorpion.

Some of our year 6's shared their thoughts:

Bonnie: I was shocked that the tree frogs use their eyes to swallow their food!

Charlotte: I was amazed that the snail could grow to the size of the man's hand!

Joya: I really liked seeing the scorpion glowing under the UV light.

Kayla: I loved the corn snake and actually being able to hold it.

Reggie: Oscar and I thought the snake would feel stiff and we were so surprised that it didn't feel hard at all.



National Year of Reading 2026

This has now been launched to great excitement from both children and staff! Remember that your challenge this month is to take a photo of a great reading spot at home (you might want to create one first!). Entries can be given or emailed to Mrs James with your child's name and class: h.james@manor-junior.hants.sch.uk. She has loved seeing your entries so far! Here are just a few of the fantastic reading spots that we have seen from James, Quinn and Miss Eade!



In case you missed it, all of the information about what we are doing for the National Year of Reading is on our website: [National Year of Reading 2026](#)

Year 3 History Topic

This week Year 3 enjoyed exploring Farnham Museum's Stone Age topic box, discovering fascinating artefacts and replicas that brought their history learning to life. The children were especially excited to handle real Palaeolithic hand axes and Neolithic flint scrapers, sparking thoughtful questions and discussions about how life changed during the Stone Age.

Manor Junior & Infant School Field

The weather has been wild and varied since we have been back this year and this has led to the school field becoming very wet. I completely understand that you may wish to walk across the school field to drop off and collect younger siblings, but please can I ask that you tread very carefully when doing so. I wish I had the money to install a path across the field, but unfortunately, I haven't at the moment. The section nearest the infant playground is becoming particularly muddy. If you are up for a resolution to increase your step count this January, please make the walk around to come in on the concrete – it would be cheaper than a gym membership!!

A few polite reminders

- No smoking or vaping on site
- Please refrain from using your mobile phone on site
- The children need a waterproof coat in school every day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher