



We are proud to share with you our first newsletter of the academic year. Things have changed so much since our last newsletter but you will see our classes are still learning lots and are settling well into the new way of school life.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, especially with all the changes that we have had to implement to make school as safe as possible.

We hope that you will be able to join class teachers at the planned virtual meetings we intend to hold to introduce you to your children's new year group .

Have a safe half term . Best wishes,

Ms Reynolds and Ms Turner

Year 1

In the first two weeks of school we focused a lot on our emotions and settling back into school life. We collected our work and made a class scrap book which you can see by scanning the QR Code.

In Year 1 we are improving our outdoor area. The children have enjoyed investigating our new resources.

We have been looking carefully at plants and naming the parts of a plant in Science. We have encouraged this learning outside in our investigation area as you can see in the picture.

We have also been mark making and building our gross motor skills to improve our writing. We make big marks with the paint brushes on the wall and also draw and write in chalks on the floor.

We are using our new equipment such as stilts, which help us with our balance and concentration.

We are learning how to play games on the floor markings in the playground, such as counting forwards and backwards on the hopscotch. This also encourages us to communicate with our peers and talk about the games we are playing together.

PTFA

Rolls Crescent PTFA was formed last year by a group of parents from school.

The main function of our PTFA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable. We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school. Some of the events we have organised are ice lolly sale, Autumn festival, fortune cookie sale, school leavers t shirts. During this short span we have successfully raised over £750. We all will like to take this opportunity to thank each and every parent, pupil and school staff for their support. We the PTFA are excited to announce that the money raised is going towards a new BADMINTON COURT in school. Though our funds are a little less than needed for the above purpose but we are confident that with continued support we will achieve it very soon.

New members are always welcomed or if you can spare any time to help out before or at one of our events please email

friendsofrc@rolls-crescent.manchester.sch.uk



In Geography for our big question, 'Why Do We Love Manchester?' we have used the iPads to explore the school grounds and the surrounding areas on google earth and google maps. The children enjoyed finding local landmarks as well.

Year 5

Firstly, we'd like to welcome everyone back to school. We were delighted to see all the smiling faces piling through the doors again. It has been a lovely start to Year 5 and both teachers agree that the children have made a fantastic start to the year and it has been a pleasure to teach them so far.

We have begun the year learning about the Industrial Revolution and the impact it had on the children and

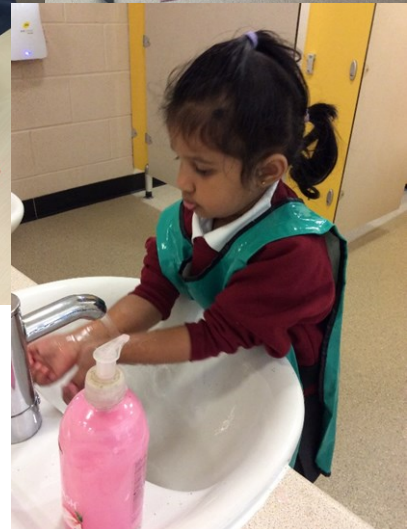
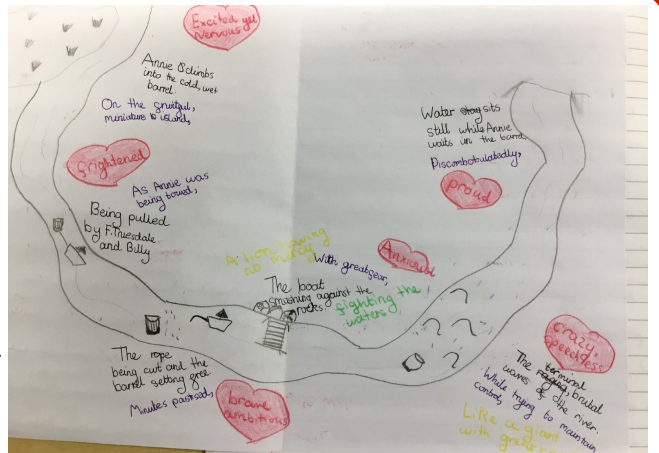
the area of Manchester. It has been great to see the children take such an interest in this topic and a few were quite aghast at the conditions the children were subjected to at the time. Living in Manchester gives us a great insight to the life and time, and why Manchester was so important to the Industrial Revolution. We have looked at novels based around the time and at artists of the Industrial Revolution.

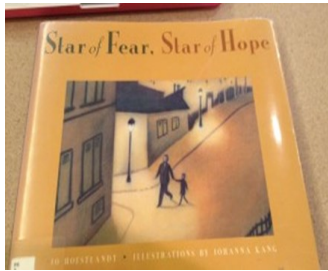
Friday 13th November will be 'Children in Need' day. More information will be sent out soon.

Nursery

The Nursery children are settling in well and they are enjoying learning how to play in all the exciting and different areas. They are learning to remember important rules like listen to the teacher and be kind to your peers. The teachers are encouraging the children to become more independent now they are at school and you can help at home too! Encourage your child to become independent putting their jumper/coat on and off, taking their shoes/wellies on and off, eating with their knife and fork and drinking using a cup. We will soon be starting shared reading where your child will come home with a book bag with two books to read. Reading to children will help them learn new words and build early literacy skills like rhythm, rhyme and understanding about story structure and print.

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Search for 'Friends of Rolls Crescent PS' This is for
parents and carers not pupils.



Year 6

This half term Year 6 have been studying WW2 and have been creating timelines of events, as well as studying Letters from the Lighthouse, a novel by one of our favourite authors. We have written diaries in role and designed our own lighthouses and sketched them. Studying flashback stories next, we have just looked at our new book cover. We talked about synonyms and antonyms. Can you spot the antonyms in the title? We made predictions based on the picture...What do you think the book might be about?

On Friday, the 25th we took part in the European day of languages online festival and learnt about Harry Potter en

Francais! We learnt key vocabulary, how to ride a broomstick AND how to cast a spell – so beware!

We have been incredibly lucky this week to have a virtual Q&A session with Manchester Academy Year 7 team, as our Year 6s prepare to make applications to High Schools. They even got some great goodie bags to take home too!

And finally, in maths this week, we have been learning about the order of operations (BODMAS). This is a lot trickier than it looks! Can you have a go at Judith's calculations

below? Did you get the same answer? Notice how she changed small details to each calculation but kept other things the same to get a totally different answer each time!

$$\begin{aligned} 9 + 7 - 4 + 2 &= 14 \\ 9 \div (7 - 4) - 2 &= 1 \\ 9 + 7 - (4 + 2) &= 10 \\ 9 \times 7 - 4 + 2 &= 61 \\ 9 + (7 \times 4) - 2 &= 35 \\ 9 - 7 - 4 + 2 &= 8 \\ 9 \times 7 + (4 - 2) &= 65 \\ 9 - 7 + (4 + 2) &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Our older pupils have enjoyed zoom meetings from the local high schools. Now is a good time to find out about meetings with secondary schools for your children .

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the year. The children have adapted to our new rules and routines superbly and we couldn't be more proud of their resilience, hard work and their beautiful big smiles! All the adults that work with these children couldn't say more positive things about what a lovely year they are and how kind they are to one another. So far this half term we have been learning all about Manchester's green spaces in Topic, exploring the school grounds and learning about reading maps. In Science, we have been learning all about Living Things and Habitats. The children have been investigating the different creatures that live in our school woods and playground.

The children have also had lots of fun during our art lessons with drawing, painting and photography on the iPads. The children so far have created some beautiful pieces of work!



Year 4

The main topic for this term in Year Four is: 'How is Llandudno different from Manchester?' In our Science our focus is Electricity and the children have already enjoyed trying to make circuits to make bulbs light. Linked with both these topics, in DT we are making fairground rides. The children have really enjoyed their swimming lessons, where they have been fantastic, all children have tried hard in these and had a lot of fun.

Don't forget that Monday 2nd November is a training day.

Photos are from a piece of drama, using the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne as inspiration.



Year 3



Our current topic is 'How has Manchester changed since the year 2000?' Children have worked really hard on this and we have spent two weeks looking at transport and one week so far looking at the Beetham Tower. On transport we look at what it is? Why we need it? and what would happen if we did not have it? We looked at the changes in Manchester transport since 1999 to the present. We looked at how the tram system has evolved and also the digital technology changes such as wifi on transport and contactless payment.

We have loved our science so far the children's knowledge has already been very good but they have made real progress in the three lessons we have had so far. Our big question is 'What do animals and humans actually need?' We have been looking at balanced diets and the five food types and have moved on to muscles and bones which has really engaged them. The children have a good understanding and we are really happy about their knowledge and we just hope they will use this knowledge in their own lives.

Reception

We are very proud of how our Reception children have settled back into school after being off for such a long time. We have welcomed lots of new children from different nurseries too, and they are all doing so well at getting used to our class routines and rules.

In the last few weeks we have been getting used to using our new online learning platform, Seesaw. Our children and their families have been fantastic at engaging with the activities that we have set, and have enjoyed recording their learning using photos, videos and audio comments. We are so pleased that we can still learn with lots of fun and play-based activities, even when we are not in school together! Thank you to all of the parents who have supported us with Seesaw. If you are unsure about how to login or haven't used it yet, please speak to a member of staff.

Year 3 have started their new French and music curriculum off really well and we hope these continues in to the year.

