



8th September 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Reading is such an important skill for all children to have and it is a skill which can impact on their future life chances. Research by the National Literacy Trust showed that:-

'...children in the UK who fail to learn to read are more economically vulnerable than their counterparts internationally. They have fewer opportunities open to them when they leave school, reinforcing the cycle of disadvantage and preventing social mobility.'

As a school we recognise the importance of reading so this year we are promoting the importance of 'Reading for Pleasure'. This year our annual 'Manor Book Festival' will look slightly different as we cannot invite any authors into school or have whole school events. However, we do not want to miss the opportunity to promote the importance of reading so during the week, the children will immerse themselves in reading as much as possible.

We are going to run a competition throughout the 'Manor Book Festival' and we would like the children to design their own reading characters; a hero and a villain. The closing date for the entries is Thursday 24th September. All entries need to be given to their class teacher with their name and class clearly labelled. There will be a prize for the winner in Reception/ KS1 and KS2.

We have also organised a book fair. This year, however, it will run slightly differently due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Throughout the week your child/ren will have the opportunity to look at the books available to buy. The books will be sent to your child/ren in their 'bubbles'. They will fill in a wish list card to share with you at the end of the day. Parents are welcome to look online and see what books are available. Books can either be purchased online or in school. I will send further information regarding the online resources and how to purchase books online in the coming days.

During the week there will also be a lot of updates and information shared online. I will keep you updated with 'Manor Book Festival' via MyEd and the school website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

J Petch

Miss Petch
English Lead



Competition time

Design your own reading characters.
Closing date: Thursday 24th September 2020.

Hero	Villain

Name: _____
Class: _____

