# Mansbridge Primary School

Giraffe Class Newsletter September 2026

**PE days:** Tuesday and Friday **Library**: Friday **Reading books and homework collected:** Monday
**New reading books and homework given out:** Tuesday

## English

We will start this term by revising sounds taught in Year R and practise writing 2 syllable words (e.g. windmill) and words with an increasing amount of sounds like 'sprint'. We will then move onto learning Phase 5. Please check the Dojo app as we will send home updates of sounds the children have learned.
We will create our own poems based on the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We will share and then retell the following stories: 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg and 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. We will be praising children for applying their spelling knowledge and correct handwriting.

## Physical Education

We will be working on net & wall games and yoga. Please ensure your child has jogging bottoms, a jumper, top, shorts and PE shoes in school. No hoodies are allowed. Please ensure their PE clothes are clearly labelled with their name.

## History/ Geography Science

In science we will be learning to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Our focus will be geography this half term and we will be learning about our local area. We will use a variety of maps to identify Southampton and Mansbridge. We will be identifying local landmarks, planning simple routes and learning about human and physical features.
**You can help your child at home by** looking at maps together and finding the routes that you take to school, home and around the local area. The children always enjoy using programmes like Google Maps and Google Earth to find places of interest to them.

## Mathematics

In mathematics we will begin by working with numbers to 10 and partaking in lots of problem solving. This will involve sorting, counting, writing numerals, spelling numbers as words and using ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd..). We will also recap on more and less and comparing groups. Following this we will work with the part-part-whole model and look at addition and subtraction strategies.
**Help your child be a Mathematician by:** Counting with them, helping them write numerals correctly and practising the spelling of numbers as words.

## PSHCE and RE

We will be learning about emotions and strategies to help us manage our emotions. In RE we will think about thankfulness. We will learn about Harvest and Sukkot. **Help your child at home by:** Help your child to identify their emotions and practise strategies to calm.

## Computing

We will be focussing improving our control of the mouse when using a computer. Help your child at home by exploring how to control the cursor using mousepad.

## Music

In music we will be exploring keeping the pulse. Help your child at home by practising swaying, tapping or singing in time with the pulse of the music.

## Art / DT

This half term we will be learning about mixing colours, painting and printing and recreating works of art similar to Jasper Johns and Clarice Cliffs.
**Help your child at home by:** Help your child to identify primary colours (red, blue, yellow). What secondary colours can they make?