



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Alongside promoting a love of reading at Manor Court, we want to inspire our pupils to write at home too. We are trialing a new initiative with our year 2 children to encourage a love of writing. Your child will be bringing home a Writing Journal this week, in the form of a spiral notebook, for them to keep. Writing journals give children the opportunity to become writers, rather than simply teaching them how to write. Writers choose to write and choose what to write. They write for fun, to share information and to explore what matters to them in their inner and outer worlds.

The Writing Journal can be used for your child to reflect, ask questions and get creative. They could write stories, shopping lists, party invitations, practise spellings, handwriting or whatever they wish. The journals won't be marked as they are personal to the child, but the children will be given designated time in school to share things they have written in them if they so wish. They are to be kept in their school reading bag along with their reading book and reading journal.

If your child is stuck on what to write, you could offer prompts such as:

- We've just read a book about a boy who planted a seed. Could you retell it/write your own ending/design your own character for the story.
- It's raining outside. Write down what you like to do in the rain.
- We need to go food shopping. Can you write a list of what we might need?
- We saw a dog walking back home from school. What do you know about dogs?
- What was your favourite thing about today?
- Have a go at practising your handwriting – which letters are hardest to join up?

The Writing Journals were kindly purchased by the Friends of Manor Court (FMCA) group.

Your child can choose whatever writing tool they wish to use in the journal; pencil, felt-tip or biro.

If you have any questions about the Writing Journals, or any aspect of your child's learning, please speak to one of us.

Yours sincerely,

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English Lead

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Year 2 teacher

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Year 2 teacher

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