

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to Year 3! The children have had an excellent start to their time at NJS and have shown that they are always prepared and ready to learn and we thank you for your support with this. We are looking forward to a fantastic first half-term in which the children settle well into new routines and styles of learning.

This half-term our topic is called 'All About Me' and will focus learning on the science of the body and keeping healthy. A visit to 'Eureka!' will take place on Tuesday 15th October in order to further this aspect of learning and we welcome parent helpers along. We will also be exploring our local area and conducting surveys as well as looking at local history. Our art work will develop children's ability to sketch landscapes and we will be looking at the work of Joan Miro. We will be inviting parents into school at regular intervals throughout the year to share in celebrating the children's learning and further information about this will be sent out in due course.

In literacy, we will be continuing to develop skills in spelling, grammar and handwriting. Our writing focus for this half term focusses children's attention on describing settings that they are familiar with. We will be encouraging them to use a rich vocabulary and detailed descriptions. In daily 'Guided Reading' sessions children will be improving their recognition of words and reading skills to ensure they understand the texts they read. Please support our work in this area by engaging your child in regular home reading and discussion.

In numeracy, children will be developing skills in a wide range of mathematical areas, with a particular focus on number work for example rounding, ordering numbers, patterns and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). In order to improve children's recall and speed in mathematical work children will complete and review times tables and mental maths tests each Friday.

Things to remember:

- Children are asked to bring their book bag containing their school reading book, reading record and planner every day.
- P.E. for 3NJ is on Monday and Thursday and for 3DW is on Tuesday and Thursday but children are asked to bring their kit on a Monday and keep it in school throughout the week so that P.E. lessons can be flexible. All children need indoor and outdoor kit.

All members of the Year 3 team are willing to help with any queries or concerns you have throughout the half term so please feel free to put a note in your child's planner or call in to see us.

The Year 3 team,

Miss Jones

Miss Wood

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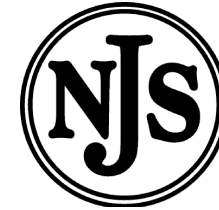
Key Dates:

Friday 4th October - Sponsored Walk (PM)

Tuesday 15th October - Y3 Visit to Eureka!

Additional whole school dates pending.

NJS Home Learning Log



All About Me Year 3

Autumn one

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Interview a member of your family. Think of interesting and unusual questions and record the answers.			
2	Create a food diary to show what you have eaten this week.			
3	Draw a map of your journey to school. Think about the key places you pass on the way.			
4	Go on a shape hunt around your house and local area. Present your work so that similar shapes are grouped together.			
5	Sketch the view that can be seen out of a window in your house.			
6	Collect images which represent you and your life, likes and dislikes and personal interests. Put these together to create an 'All About Me' collage.			
7	Create a poster to persuade people to live a healthy lifestyle. Think about diet, hygiene and exercise.			
8	Create a fact file of what you want to be when you grow up.			

Topic: All about me

Note to parents

Dear Parents,

At the start of each half term the children will be given a home learning log like this one which they must keep for the duration of that half term. The home learning activities will be linked to the topic that the children are focussing on at that time and the activities will be carefully chosen to develop different skills in relation to a variety of curriculum subjects.

The children will be able to choose the order in which they want to complete the activities. It is hoped that this will encourage the children to organise their time and to plan in advance so they can gather relevant materials to complete the art / design based tasks. There will be more home learning activities than there are number of weeks in that half term. It is hoped that this will allow the children to make independent choices about which tasks they would like to undertake.

If the children bring in a piece of work by **Friday** of each week they will receive a merit to go on the class chart. Children can obtain merits for a number of reasons and they add up at the end of the school year and can be cashed in for prizes.

This year all home learning will be displayed in year group areas to allow the children to feel proud of the quality work that they have produced. We hope that this will create interest and give the children the opportunity to learn from others, as well as further reinforce just how much the children and staff value home learning in Norton Junior School.

As you can see there is space for teacher and parent feedback for each home learning task to allow continued dialogue between home and school, please feel free to comment on the task or the work that your child has produced.

We hope that parents and children find each of their half terms task exciting and stimulating. As a school we fully encourage parental involvement with children's learning so please continue to support, value and encourage them to continue their learning at home.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another enjoyable school year.