

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back from what we hope has been an enjoyable Easter break. Since this half term is a short 4 week term, we have decided that our topic, 'Life Outside', will carry over the full summer term. During this half term, we will be learning about charities that provide shelter, designing and making a shelter and creating images using ICT. Our science focus continues from last half term as children will be investigating friction and magnetism. Each week there will be an indoor and outdoor PE session: football outside and gymnastics inside. Our focus for RE is Sikhism and children will be finding out about this faith and drawing comparisons to Christianity. To complement our topic work, we are currently organising a trip to Harlow Carr Gardens for the second half of the Summer Term, more details to follow.

In literacy we will be continuing to develop skills in grammar and handwriting in weekly sessions. We will continue with weekly spellings in order to encourage frequent application of key spelling patters in children's writing. Along side this in Literacy, we will be studying the structure and features of non-fiction texts and creating a range of different poems. Daily Guided Reading will continue in order to develop children's understanding of texts. Please continue to read with your child at home and discuss books (story plot, predictions, characterisation, author's use of language and personal opinions).

We will be continuing to test children on their times tables weekly and mental maths tests will happen weekly. Opportunities for children to reflect on learning and develop their understanding will also be planned into these session. A copy of the weekly mental maths test is sent home for children to practise target questions, please support your child with this.

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 Wednesday and Friday and for 3DW is on Wednesday and Thursday. 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 (shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper/jacket and trainers).

There has been a big improvement in children being prepared for P.E. sessions and we thank you for your support with this.

We hope the children have another brilliant half-term and continue to enjoy their time at NJS.

The Year 3 team,

Miss Jones

Miss Wood

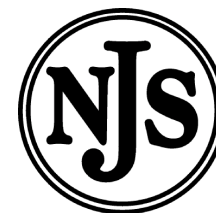
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Key Dates:

Monday 5th May - School Closed due to Bank Holiday.

# NJS Home Learning Log



## Life Outside 1 Year 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Summer One

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Keep a detailed and accurate record of the weather for a week.			
2	Research a charity which provides shelter for humans or animals. Present your findings in a creative way.			
3	Make a mind map of all the things you can think of that live outside. Consider humans, animals and plants. You can present your work using pictures or text.			
4	Design and/or make your own shelter, it could be inside or outside! You can take photos or draw your design to share your creation.			
5	Carry out a survey of the mini-beasts living in your garden/local park or wood. Record your findings, using a tally chart, bar chart or pictogram.			

# Topic: Life Outside

## 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.