

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable break and the children are looking forward to another busy half term. Our topic is 'Mighty Machines' for the second half of this Spring term and the year group are excited about visiting Kelham Island Industrial Museum in Sheffield next week as part of their studies. We will be finding out about industry in the local area and around the world, the development of machinery and important inventions, robots and programming, sequences of mechanical movements in PE, mechanical sounds in music and designing and making robots in the style of Lawrence Northy.

In literacy we will be continuing to develop skills in grammar and handwriting in weekly sessions. We have adjusted the teaching and learning of spelling in Y3 in order to promote the frequent application of different spelling patterns as this is a priority for development across the year group. This will mean that children will partake in daily, short spelling sessions instead of a weekly lesson and will bring home 20 spelling words of which a random selection of 10 will be tested every Friday. Please continue to support your child with spelling practise and help them to use these words appropriately in sentences. 'Big Write' will continue on a Friday morning and children will apply their writing skills to an extended piece of work in order to develop writing stamina and text construction. The emphasis will continue to be on children taking ownership of their learning and identifying ways in which they could improve their writing. Reading is still a very important part of literacy development and children in Year 3 need to read regularly at home and discuss texts in order to develop their understanding and evaluation skills. Thank you for your continued support with this at home.

In numeracy children will be developing skills in a wide range of mathematical areas including shape, measures, number and data handling. 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.

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 have been lots of children without kit recently and this is disrupting lessons so please encourage your child to be independent and prepared.

On Tuesday 8th April we would like to invite you into school to see the new classrooms and find out about Y3 learning during the Spring Term; more information to follow soon.

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

The Year 3 team,

Miss Jones

Miss Wood

Mrs Doy

Mrs Wood

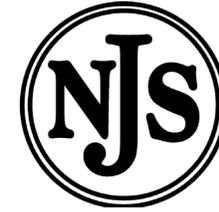
Key Dates:

Monday 10th March - Y3 Visit to Kelham Island, Sheffield (school uniform and packed lunch needed).

Monday 7th April—Class Photos

Tuesday 8th April— Y3 Topic Celebration (parents and carers welcome).

NJS Home Learning Log



Life Outside 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.			
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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.