

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first half of the summer term. We are looking forward to seeing what your children produce for their home learning during our new topic, Fair Trade.

As part of this topic we will be looking at cocoa bean farming in Ghana, fair trade workers and how they are treated and different fair trade products that are available in the UK. We would like to remind yourselves and the children that they need to continue to be well organised, remembering to bring reading records (signed by a parent/carer) and planners daily.

Children need to remember to bring appropriate P.E kits at the beginning of the week.

Ongoing school/home learning also includes the learning of spellings, times tables and completion of the weekly mental maths test.

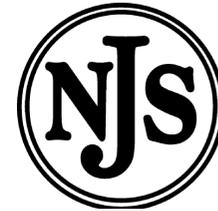
We are looking forward to another thoroughly enjoyable term. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Here are the upcoming events for this half term:

- 4SO trip to Adlington Grange Farm– Friday 2nd May
- 4HJ trip to Adlington Grange Farm– Friday 9th May
- Celebration Afternoon– Wednesday 21st May

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NJS Home Learning Log



Summer 1

Topic: Fair Trade

Task	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed ?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Research fair trade products. Which supermarkets or shops sell fair trade products? What products can you find ? What countries do they come from? Write down your findings.			
2	Write a diary entry as a factory or farm worker from Ghana. What does it feel like to have to work in cramped conditions for poor wages?			
3	Create your own fair trade product recipes and make (if possible!)			
4	Construct a survey of family and friends– How often do they buy fair trade products? Which ones? Why? Record how you think best.			
5	Make up your own poem or rap promoting the use of fair trade products.			

Note to parents

Dear Parents,

We are now well underway with our new home learning log tasks. The quality of the work that is being handed in is outstanding and shows a real range and depth of thinking. We hope that you find your new half terms tasks exciting and engaging!

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.