

**A very warm welcome to Year 4!** We hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays. We are looking forward to sharing exciting and interesting activities with you in this next half term.

This half term our topic is 'Sensational Senses' and we will be finding out just how important our senses are and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. Our topic aims to cover the curriculum in a creative and engaging manner and Year 4 children will have opportunities to use and apply a wide range of skills.

Alongside our topic we will be doing poetry work and explanation texts in Literacy. We will also be continuing to develop key skills in grammar, spelling and handwriting on a weekly basis. Children are expected to read at home regularly and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

In Numeracy Year 4 will be focussing on number facts, place value and mental strategies. We would appreciate continued support with regular timetable practice at home. Every Friday the pupils will be sent home with a copy of their mental maths papers for them to identify and work on areas they have found difficult.

P.E will be taking place twice a week. Children should be bringing their kit into school on a Monday and keeping it in school until Friday. Please ensure they are equipped for both indoor and outdoor P.E.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. A good communication tool is the planner, and will be used by teaching staff to inform you.

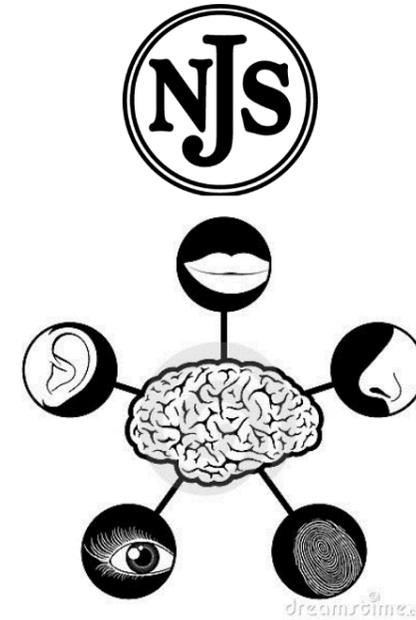
We look forward to an exciting first half term in Year 4 and thank you in advance for your support.

The Year 4 team,  
Mrs Jenkins                      Mrs Laidlaw                      Miss Oliver  
Mrs Longmire                      Mrs West                      Mrs Hall

**Key Dates:**

Topic celebration (these will now be held on a termly basis and will take place next half term– date to be confirmed)  
Sponsored walk– Friday 4th Oct  
Individual photos– Monday 14th Oct  
Opening Evenings– Thursday 17th and Monday 21st Oct  
4 HJ staffing: Monday– Tuesday Mrs J Laidlaw (Mrs J Hall from 7/10/13)  
Wednesday– Friday Mrs H Jenkins

# NJS Home Learning Log



## Year Four 'Sensational Senses'

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# Autumn One

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Research 10 'weird and wonderful' facts about your senses.		
2	Make up a 10 minute exercise routine which you could do every day to keep you fit. Present it in a way that others could follow.		
3	Make a model of a hand or an ear.		
4	Record your sleeping pattern throughout the week. Write down the times you go to sleep and wake up and work out the amount you've had. Present this information into a bar chart.		
5	Practise your ..... times tables.		
6	Make a collage which engages three of the five senses.		
7	Make a device that enables you to see around corners.		
8	Create a rap or a poem about your body or five senses.		
<b>Please ensure your child's reading record is kept up to date and signed regularly</b>			

# Topic: Sensational Senses

## 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 term tasks 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.