

Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome the children back after the half term break. The children are over half way through the academic year and have shown that they are always prepared and ready to learn. We as a team are very proud of what has been produced so far from the children. We would like to thank you for your continuous support with: home learning, reading, homework, spelling and times table practise as this helps with your child's progression in school. We are all looking forward to another successful half term in which the children continue to mature socially and intellectually as we have some fantastic opportunities planned over the coming weeks before the Easter break!

Our cross-curricular topic this half term is very musically orientated. In this topic we will be identifying and looking at different genres of music from across the world. We will be learning about: different types of musical instruments; investigating how sound travels; editing and manipulating sound; examining digital media and composing a piece of music traditional to a global location. This will be done using a range of media which will provide the children with a deeper understanding of how technology has changed and evolved as well as, an understanding of how music plays an important role within our society today and from previous decades.

As always in Literacy, we will be continuing to focus on the key elements of good writing such as: sentence structure; punctuation; handwriting; developing vocabulary and grammar as well as spelling. We will be showing children how to assess and improve their own work according to learning objectives and success criteria. Guided reading sessions will be tailored to the needs of specific groups and individuals and, will continue to cover all assessment focuses. This term the children will be covering specific aspects of persuasive writing as well as revisiting previous work about recounts.

In Numeracy, children will continue to develop a range of skills in all areas of mathematics with a particular focus on counting and calculations. Mental maths and times tables tests will continue to take place each Friday and remain a fundamental part of learning. In order to keep you abreast of areas for your child to work on we will be sending home weekly homework as well as each weeks mental test with the questions and answers. Please encourage your child to practise these essential skills at home as this will again further enhance your child's learning whist in Year 5.

All members of the Year 5 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.

Kind regards,

Year 5 Team

Mr Henfield Mr Wilkinson Mr Hayward Mrs Gracey Mrs Hodgson

Key Dates:

March

18th—Scholastic book fair arrives

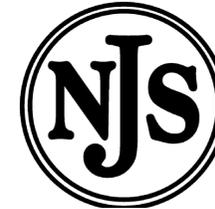
25th—Scholastic book fair departs

April

Monday 7th—Class photos

Friday 11th April—School closes for the Easter break

NJS Home Learning Log



Year 5 'Global Stage'

Spring 2

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Can you create and choreograph your own dance routine to a piece of music from around the world?			
2	Imagine that you are a promoter of a new music festival. Create an advertising campaign to promote your festival. You may wish to create posters and banners.			
3	Imagine that you are a radio DJ. Create a jingle to promote a new band's single. Think about persuasive techniques. This can be recorded if you wish.			
4	Think about the poetry that we wrote last half term. Can you create a poem to persuade people to be more caring towards each other, animals or the environment ?			
5	Can you compose your own short rhythm using recycled materials as the instruments?			
6	Create a timeline to show the history of a musical instrument overtime. E.g. woodwind or brass.			

Topic: Global Stage

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 chose 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 Monday** 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.

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. We encourage you 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 and value them to continue their learning at home. We would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another enjoyable half term.