

Dear families,

Welcome back to the brand new year at NJS. Year 5 is an exciting time for both the children and the staff. Thus far the children have made a promising start and are already showing commitment by being organised for each day and concentrating well in class. Our topic this half term is Growing Things! We are sure that the children are going to enjoy learning and applying the skills and knowledge they gain over the course of the half term. There may be more help on the allotment as a result...we'll see!

Our Growing Things topic this half term focuses heavily on science as the children learn about growing and planting, flower structure and function and conditions needed for growth and reproduction. We will be taking this opportunity to study Harvest and it's importance as well as creating tasty treats for an invitation afternoon in school. In addition to this we will be designing and creating instruments from fresh fruit and vegetables as well as learning dances associated with harvest and the growing seasons.

As there is so much to cover in the Year 5 curriculum it has never been more important that your child is prepared for each lesson. Therefore, P.E kit is asked to be brought on Monday morning and taken home on Friday to be washed so that no opportunity is missed in this aspect of learning. In addition, school planners and reading records need to be brought daily so that communication between home and school can be maintained effectively.

To prepare your child for both Year 6 and beyond, we will be giving an additional Maths and English home learning task to be completed as and when necessary. We feel that additional homework should be given for a reason and should support, consolidate or prepare the children for learning. In addition to this, spellings will be given on a Friday to be assessed the following Friday. The format for the spellings are to learn tricky words associated with our class work and topic and to also develop phonic strategies arming the children with the skills to decode, segment and blend new and unfamiliar words. We are also aware that we have set home learning tasks in this booklet and that whilst we hope that your child completes as many as possible it is not compulsory to do so.

Finally, we look forward to your support in ensuring that this is a fantastic year of education for your child and are confident that this will be an excellent year!

Kind regards,

Year 5 Team

Mr Henfield
Mr Wilkinson
Mr Hayward
Mrs Gracey
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NJS Home Learning Log



Year 5

Autumn one

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Design your ideal allotment. What would you grow and why?			
2	Research how harvest is celebrated in at least 3 different countries.			
3	Create your own super fruit or vegetable. Why is it super?			
4	Compose the lyrics to your own harvest song.			
5	Draw, in fine detail, a fruit or vegetable.			
6	Create your own harvest dance.			
7	Using your research, create a poster to show how harvest is celebrated around the world.			

Topic: Growing Things

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 which they add up at the end of the school year to 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 consolidate their learning at home. We would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another enjoyable school year.