

Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break! We have been extremely pleased with the way the children have settled back into school life. We have lots of exciting and engaging learning opportunities that will take place in our new topic 'Feeling Festive,' which has a focus on many of the festivals that take place throughout the world.

The children have acted as real role models in the first half of the term taking on extended duties in and around school whilst also acting as reading and celebration buddies to other pupils in school. Many of the children have shown that they are preparing well for the transition to secondary school by engaging in extra homework activities. We hope that the children will continue this extra learning and maintain the positive attitude they have shown to the start of year 6 already!

As there is so much to cover in the year 6 curriculum it has never been more important that your child is prepared for each lesson. We have found that some children have not been prepared for P.E lessons as they have not brought their kit. We encourage all children to bring their P.E kit in on a Monday morning and take it home on a 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.

On our previous school trip to Doncaster Museum the children conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. We have decided that our visit this half term will be to watch a pantomime at 'The Civic Theatre.' This will coincide with our script writing unit in Literacy and we hope it will be a thoroughly enjoyable end to what we believe will be a fantastic half term.

We thank you once again for your ongoing co-operation and support and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Key dates this half term:

Children in Need- Friday 15th Nov 'P Day'

Christmas Bazaar— Thur 28th Nov

School Closed—Training Day—Fri 29th Nov

Carol Service—12th Dec (PM)

Educational Visit —Mon 13th Dec(Civic Theatre) pm

Christmas Party- 19th Dec(PM)

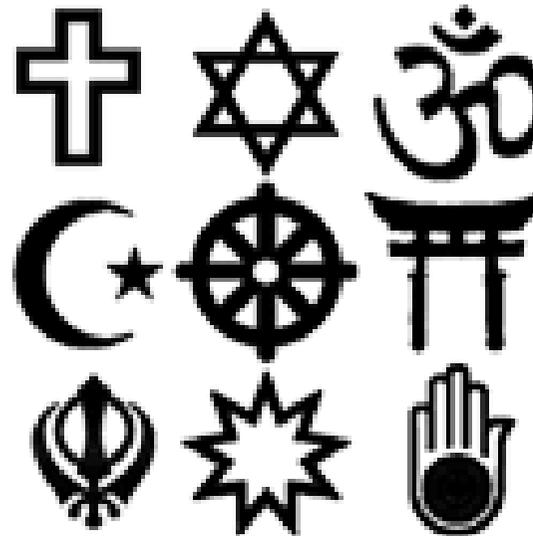
Non Uniform Day- Friday 20th Dec

Further details of each of these events will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 6 Teaching Team.

Mr Chadwick, Mrs Davies, Mrs Ball, Mrs Hanson and Mrs Gyte

NJS Home Learning Log



Year 6— Feeling
Festive

Autumn Two

T as ks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work com- pleted?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Create a bar chart of the numbers of followers each religion we are learning about has globally.			
2	Write a recount of what experience you had on bonfire night.			
3	Think of 5 values that should be found in each and every religion.			
4	Make a 3-D festival decoration.			
5	<u>Bull fighting is a prominent feature of Spanish Festivals.</u> Do you think bull fighting should remain a feature of Spanish festivals? Write down the reasons for and against and then create a piece of writing with an introduction, 2 paragraphs which sum up your for and against points and a conclusion.			
6	Can you complete a research project about a festival of your choice. Think about location in the world, popularity and key features of the festival. You may use books in school and the internet to help you.			

Topic: Feeling Festive

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.

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