

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an excellent half term break!

The children have settled extremely well after the half term and are showing a real desire and determination in lessons. As we are now moving closer to SATs week we will be engaging in revision and consolidation lessons that will allow your child to secure their understanding of key curriculum areas.

Our topic this half-term is 'Heroes and Villains.' During this time we will explore these terms as well as identifying and researching characters that meet this criteria both locally and internationally. In addition, we will study a narrative poem by Alfred Noyes 'The Highwayman..' Here, we will explore the poetic devices that are used in this text, use dramatic techniques to bring the story to life and write our own alternative endings. As well as this, we will be learning about former local highwayman John Nevison, who visited year 6 on the first day of term to give the children an insight into the life of an actual 'villain.'

As SATs preparation continues to be at the forefront of our thinking in Y6, we ask you to encourage your child to complete homework set. Furthermore, during the Easter Holidays a number of literacy and numeracy resources will be sent home for your child to complete, to ensure learning is reinforced throughout this time. Again, we thank you in advance for your continued support during this process.

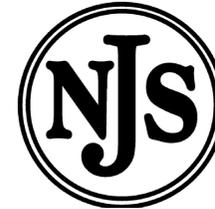
We are looking forward to what we are sure will be another fantastic topic which has already captured the imagination of the children. If you have any knowledge or interest in this area that you would like to share please feel free to arrange a meeting with the year 6 staff!

Thank you once again and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Year 6 Team (Mr Chadwick, Mrs Davies, Mrs Ball, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Gyte

NJS Home Learning Log



Year 6

Spring Two

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Create an image of your own fantasy villain. Write a profile of your villain. Include information on their character, skills, background etc...			
2	Research a highwayman eg. Dick Turpin or John Nevison. Make a fact file based on your findings.			
3	Make a 'Wanted' poster that includes a character description of your Villain.			
4	Write a play script for a scene from The Highwayman.			
5	Create a comic strip for your given hero or villain using the template provided or your computer.			
6	Research the changes in transport from the 17th Century to today—draw a time line of the modes of transport.			

Topic: The Highwayman

Note to parents

Dear Parents,

As some of you may be aware at the end of our last school term we trialled a new format for our home learning. This was hugely successful and we have decided to continue with the home learning log this year.

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 are added 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 term.