

Dear Families,

Let us welcome you back for the first summer term of the year; hasn't it flown? Our topic for the full term is 'Journey to Brazil: World Cup 2014' which we're incredibly excited about! Much of the teaching and learning during this time will be developed from questions the children have about other countries and cultures, maintaining a strong geographical element to the topic. It is therefore going to be a very exciting time for the children as they will be given the tools to explore their own thinking and ideas about different localities around the world. In addition, we will be exploring the different eco-systems in Brazil as part of our scientific studies. In PE we will be focusing on football and invasion games whilst comparing historical elements of sports from around the globe. There will also be an opportunity during this topic for the children to talk about 'Journeys' by reflecting on their lives at NJS and thinking about what the future holds for them.

Towards the end of the first half-term (week commencing 12th May) it is SATs week. We now feel the children are fully prepared for their tests which is very much down to the attitudes and aspirations the children have shown towards their learning throughout the year. However, if you have any concerns regarding the week itself, please bring them to the Y6 team. In fact, we have made a slot available on Tuesday 6th May between 3:45 and 5:00pm to address any matters you may have. However, it must be said that every possible preparation has been made to ensure your child will be as confident and comfortable as possible during this time. The main contribution we ask of families is that you take all necessary steps to make sure your child is prepared for the week by:

- Going to bed at an appropriate time
- Being in school ready for the start of the day

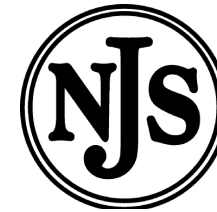
Also, during the week if your child falls unwell with an illness that will **prevent them** from attending school then please notify the school at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 team.

Mrs Davies, Mr Chadwick, Mrs Ball, Mrs Lawson, Mrs Hanson

# NJS Home Learning Log



**FIFA WORLD CUP**  
**Brasil**

Year 6

# Summer One

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Locate the 32 countries participating in the World Cup and identify them in any way you wish on the map provided.			
2	Choose a country that interests you that is participating in the world cup and present a fact file about it to share with the rest of your class.			
3	Using your friends as characters – create a fantasy football team that includes: Player profiles, kit design, team name, home ground and anything else you wish to add.			
4	Once you have created your fantasy team write a match report for a World Cup Final win against an opposition of your choice.			
5	Research the Rio carnival and then design and create a mask that you could wear.			
6	Research previous world cup songs to provide inspiration for your own! If you wish to do a parody of one of these songs you can.			

# Topic: Journey to Brazil: The World Cup

Dear Families

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.