

Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday and have all had your fair share of Christmas Turkey! During last half term we found that the children really matured and have become role models across the school! This was demonstrated further by their performance to the Reception children from NIS in which they told the story of Raymond Briggs' 'The Snowman.' We would once again like to congratulate the children on their excellent performance!

The children have continued to take on extended roles and responsibilities in school and most recently worked hard to produce delicious Mexican themed food for our school Christmas party which was enjoyed by the children and staff!

As we enter the Spring term, the children will continue to focus on preparing for their SATs tests in the Summer term. It has therefore never been more important that your child is prepared for each lesson. The attitude of the children throughout the school year has been excellent with children wanting to challenge and extend themselves in their learning. We hope that this will continue throughout the coming term.

Over the next two half terms many of the children will be engaging in a number of 'Booster Learning Sessions' after school. This is an extremely beneficial and rewarding learning experience and it is hoped that all children will make every effort to attend the sessions and ensure they let the member of staff running the session know if they are not able to attend.

P.E (as always) will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please encourage your child to bring their P.E kit and leave it in school until Friday, especially as the weather begins to improve, and there will be greater opportunity for extra outdoor sessions.

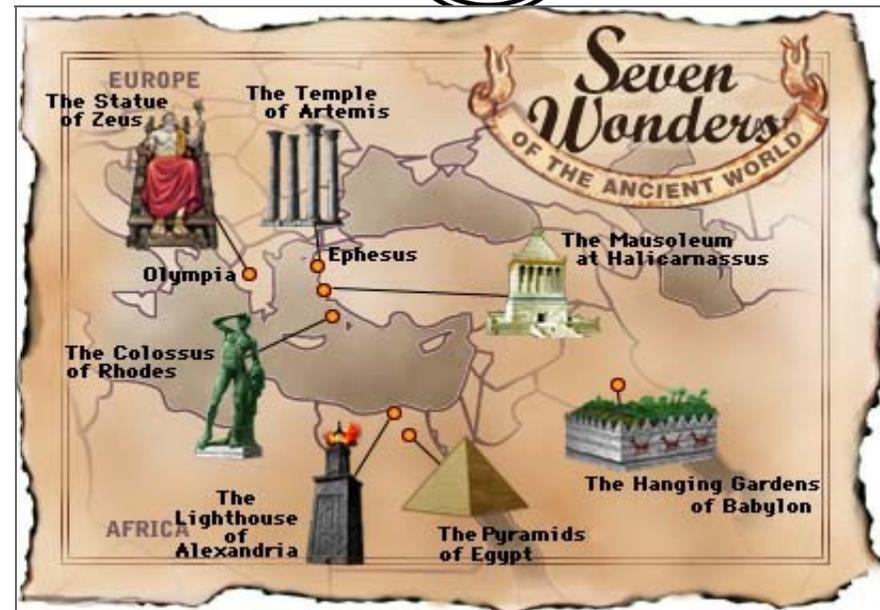
We are sure that this is going to be another super topic that the children will thoroughly enjoy and we look forward to displaying the high quality outcomes of this topics home learning activities!

Please check the website for any key dates which will also be published via our school newsletter.

Year 6 Teaching Team.

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

NJS Home Learning Log



Wonders of the World!

Spring One

T as ks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work com- pleted?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	Use your imagination and to create your own modern wonder of the world with an explanation of its design.			
2	Design and make a chosen wonder of the world. Think about the materials you will need, size and proportion.			
3	Write a poem entitled 'Wonders of the World'. Think carefully about of the different literacy devices we have been learning in class and use them in your work.			
4	Can you create a guide to the 'Seven wonders of Britain.' Think about places that you think should feature in your guide that would make people want visit.			
5	Pick a wonder of the world and research its history. What makes it so special? Is there a story behind its existence?			
6	Using a variety of media create a collage of a wonder of the world. Be inventive with the materials you use and think about wonders that might not be so well known.			

Wonders of the World

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 focusing 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 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.

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