

Dear families,

Thank you for helping your child prepare for this, their final year at NJS! They 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 'The Slave Trade'. We are sure that the children are going to enjoy learning about this enthralling but tragic period of our history!

Now your child had entered year 6, they are expected to take a lead role in promoting the positive values and ethos the school wishes to foster. This means that your child has a wonderful opportunity to be a role model for the younger members of the school community. They will be given the chance to do a variety of jobs such as restaurant manager, bell monitor, peer buddy and playground leader, as well as the chance to run lunchtime activities and clubs. We hope that your child will participate fully in some of these activities as we strive to prepare them for their transition into secondary school and beyond.

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. 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.

In order to prepare your child for both SATs and secondary school, we will be giving an additional Maths and English home learning task to be completed each week. This will be handed out on a Friday and be expected in by the following Thursday. However, 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 2014/15!

Kind regards,

Year 6 Team

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Mr Chadwick
Mrs Ball
Mrs Gyte
Mrs Lawson
Mrs Smith

NJS Home Learning Log



SLAVERY-Year 6

Autumn 1

Tasks	Choice of Home Learning tasks.	Work completed?	Parent comment.	Teacher comment.
1	William Wilberforce was instrumental in the abolition of the slave trade. Create a research project informing people about his life.			
2	Complete a detailed drawing with labels of a slave ship.			
3	Thinking about the vocabulary we have learnt so far, write an acrostic poem about Slavery.			
4	Can you compile a list of interesting facts and figures about the slave trade and present this in an engaging way?			
5	Write an eye witness account about a whole village who have just been captured and enslaved.			
6	Can you create an anti-slavery poster highlighting the main reasons why it was wrong?			

Topic: Slavery

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 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.