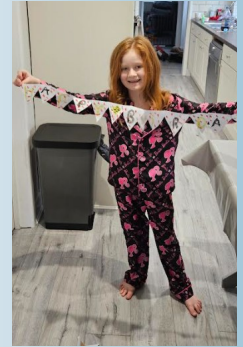


## Weekly News – 19th January 2024

### *A message from Mrs Farren...*

Norton's year of appreciation!

We love how Grace has spent her time being creative and doing something to make her sister happy. This is a wonderful way to spend less screen time and to appreciate family and people we love. It's amazing what joy we feel when we do things for other people.



The weather has been chilly this week, but there is something so beautiful about a clear blue sky and the winter sun shining on the frozen grass. Mrs Woodland has enjoyed going for a walk with her children, as the evenings are starting to get lighter and this means they can spend time together talking about their days and getting fresh air.

This week Miss Mannings has appreciated spending some evenings reading her book rather than watching the TV!

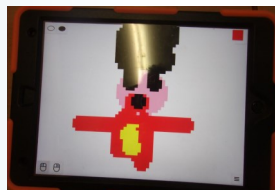
Please keep letting us know how you have spent your time this week. Where have you found joy and appreciation? This week I have appreciated my early morning walks. I love cold, fresh days!

Have a great weekend

Team Norton

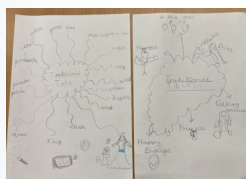
This week **Reception** class have been smashing their phonics! We are all so pleased with their focus and engagement in the lessons, which is leading to amazing progress. They have begun to write their own version of 'Bradley and the magic carpet' and their progress in phonics is making a huge difference with their confidence and segmenting to write.

**Year 1-** The children had great fun in computing this week. They were experimenting with all the different tools (paint brush, shapes, airbrush) they could use on Paint to draw different pictures. In English they have enjoyed following instructions to make cupcakes and are now writing up their very own instruction writing pieces.



**Year 3-** As part of our "Many Plates of Japan" theme, we have been studying volcanoes and what the movement of the Earth's plates can cause. We have learnt what different parts of volcanoes are called, that some are active, dormant or extinct.

In **Year 2** we are learning about traditional tales in our English lessons. This week we have sorted traditional tales, identified their features and created a class list of all the traditional tales we know.



We have had a busy week in **Year 4**. We've been learning about the written method for multiplication in maths and writing our stories in English. We will edit those next week. In science, we've started our new topic of 'living things' and this week learnt about invertebrates and vertebrates. Here is a photo I took of some of the children reading the 'Interview with a shark' series by Andy Seed, who visited us last week.



This week **Year 5** have been diving into our WW2 topic, exploring the use of propaganda and what message each poster was suggesting. We have also learned about how the Second World War began and have predicted a range of mysterious artefacts.

*Strive*

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

Isalah 40:31

*Think*

How much better to get wisdom than gold.

Proverbs, Chapter 16:16

*Act*

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.

Psalm 133: 1

*Respect*

Blessed are those who are hungry for justice. They will be filled.

Matthew's gospel, chapter 5



I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

**Upcoming important dates...**

**8th March—World book day at Norton**

There are **175 non school days** a year – that's 175 days to spend on family time, appointments, holidays, shopping and everything else.

There are <b>190 school days</b> each year	<b>181 days</b> at school means	<b>171 days</b> at school means	<b>161 days</b> at school means	<b>152 days</b> at school means	<b>143 days</b> at school means
No lost learning =	<b>-9 days</b> of missed learning =	<b>-19 days</b> of missed learning =	<b>-29 days</b> of missed learning =	<b>-38 days</b> of missed learning =	<b>-47 days</b> of missed learning =
<b>100%</b> attendance	<b>96%</b> attendance	<b>90%</b> attendance	<b>85%</b> attendance	<b>80%</b> attendance	<b>75%</b> attendance
<b>Good</b>	<b>Worrying</b>		<b>Serious Concern</b>		
Best chance of success and gets your child off to a flying start!	Less chance of success and makes it harder to make progress.		Just not fair on your child – and could lead to court action.		



Within Design and Technology, **Year 6** have looked into different shaped cams and how these different shapes affect the overall designs. We studied a variety of automata toys and have thought about possible design outcomes.



**Whole school attendance is 93.59%.**

Lets see if we can improve our attendance figure!

Norton Primary school is taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking' local Oracy competition which is aimed at promoting the importance of talk.  
Criteria: · 2 minute talk. · Topic of their choice. A prop is allowed- no electronics.

**Next week's diary...**

22nd Jan 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Book, TTRS, Cross County	Macaroni Cheese Vegetable Curry Jacket Potato with backed beans or cheese
Tuesday		Gardening	BBQ Chicken Vegan Meatballs Jacket Potato with backed beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Wednesday		Multi skills, Dance, Card Games	Roast Chicken Vegetable Roast Jacket Potato with backed beans or cheese
Thursday		Table Tennis, Craft & Crochet, Cooking	Spaghetti Bolognaise Shepherdess Pie Jacket Potato with backed beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Friday	2:40pm Sharing Assembly		Fish Fingers Vegan Sausage Jacket Potato with cheese or tuna mayo