

Weekly News – 1st March 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

On Friday, we will be celebrating world book day. Reading is important because it enables children to access learning but, just as importantly, it unlocks a world of adventure! Reading for pleasure is such a wonderful thing to do.

On Friday:

- Please bring a potato to decorate as a book character (you need to trust us on this one!). School will provide the decorations but children can bring their own if they have a particular design in mind!
- Each class will be exploring a story, poem or non-fiction book in the morning and these will be shared during an assembly at 2:30pm - parents are welcome to this.
- If you would like to come and read to your child's class during next week, please speak to your child's class teacher.
- Children have the option to dress up as a book character.

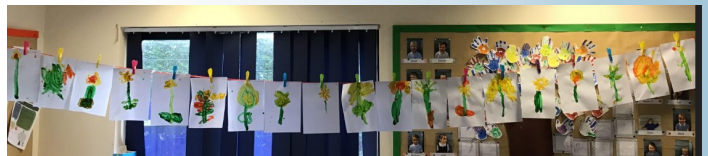
Something to chat about this week:

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Friday 1st March is St. David's Day, so **Reception** class have been learning all about the special day. We have learnt how and why people celebrate it. The children have enjoyed learning facts about St. David's day, painting daffodils, eating Welsh cakes and looking at Wales on the UK and World map.



In **Year 1** this term we are looking at salvation and the story of Easter. We have split the story into five sections and talked about the emotions for each section. We matched those emotions with colours and have created artwork using pastels to colour and smudge around a cross template, which when removed left a blank cross inside an explosion of colour. We worked in pairs to create the cross to show the Easter story split into two emotions (a happy cross and a sad cross) and then we divided up the pictures from the story and stuck them on the cor-

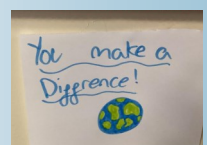


Year 3 have enjoyed learning about Tornadoes in Geography this week. Did you know that the UK has more tornadoes per unit of land than any other country in the world? Thankfully, they aren't often strong enough to cause much damage.

Year 4 This week in geography we have been comparing human features between Manaus in Brazil and Gloucester. We compared the population, language and religion of both cities before looking at specific buildings. We learnt both cities have a cathedral and Manaus has an opera house. We used the website <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/> to see the current world population that is constantly changing! A fascinating website.

Year 2 have had a busy week! We have been looking at non-chronological reports in English with a view to writing our own. We have identified their features and have even put one back together!

Year 5 have spent this week trying to share positivity throughout the school. Many of the children have made positive notes and stuck them throughout the school!





Year 6 This week we have finished our class reader, Cogheart. This book entertained us with its creative, thought provoking storyline and a brilliant villain. I have mentioned to the children that the author, Peter Bunzl, has many more books in the series should they want to continue reading his work.



Less Screen Time

Penny's less screen time activity over the weekend - baking delicious chocolate chip cookies with her little sister! Three-year-old Rose has never helped make these cookies before - Penny however is a baking pro and was so patient teaching



her what to do. When the cookies were ready to eat the girls enjoyed them as part of an indoor picnic!

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Here is Alexander doing his no screen challenge. Periodically our energy provider asks us to use less electricity when they feel there is going to be increased demand on the network. We do it often and turn all the electric off to the house. It means we play games and he especially likes solitaire, dominoes and top trumps.



Norton PTA news...

Family Quiz Night cancelled due to lack of interest.

Please contact a member of the PTA if you have any fabulous funding raising ideas.

Important things to remember...

- > to book your parent consultation meeting with your child/rens class teacher.
- > bring in a large potato on Friday for World Book Day

Next week's diary...

4th Mar 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday		Book, TTRS, Cross County	Lentil & sweet potato curry Tomato Arrabiata pasta Jacket potato with beans or cheese
Tuesday		Gardening, Table Tennis Parent Consultation evening	Chicken & broccoli pasta Cheese & tomato Pizza Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Wednesday		Multi skills, Dance Card Games	Roast gammon Vegan Quorn Jacket potato with beans or cheese
Thursday		Craft & Crochet, Cooking	Cottage Pie Vegan burger Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Friday	World Book Day— bring in a large potato 2:30pm—World Book day celebration Assembly— parents welcome		Fish Fingers Cheese & red pepper frittata Jacket potato with cheese or tuna mayo