

Weekly News – 26th January 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2024- An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools. We are excited to announce 'Look Who's Talking!' Norton winners: Infants- Lettie Smale (Rainbows), Lower Juniors- Danny Clarke (Karate), Upper Juniors- Grace Brooks (Sport).

What is oracy and why is it so important?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language. By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

We are incredibly proud of all of the children who entered. Well done to them all!

Have a great weekend

Team Norton

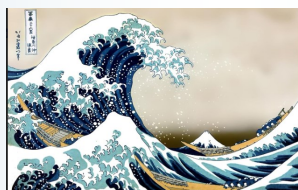
This week in PSHE **Reception** class have been learning how to brush their teeth. The children learnt about the importance of brushing their teeth and by the end of the lesson they had a fantastic understanding of good oral hygiene. They also had lots of fun brushing the dinosaurs teeth to make sure they were sparkly and clean! Next week they will be learning how to stay clean when going to the toilet and understand why it is important.

Year 1 In English this week the children have been looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs. We spoke about different traditional tales and the key elements of them. Then went on to act out the story and retell it using pictures as prompts. Leading on from this, the children are going to be thinking of nouns and adjectives to use to describe the big bad wolf!



This week in **Year 3** we have been writing our own fairytale with a Japanese twist. We have also been studying the "Ring of Fire" in Geography. We looked at why people may choose to live near a volcano! We also found out that the UK has its own volcanoes- extinct ones though- phew!

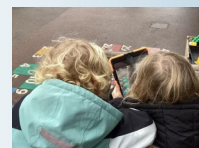
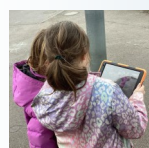
In DT we studied the block print The Great Wave off Kanagawa by Hokusai



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cebBWjgGAAQ>

Year 5 have been writing World War II diaries, based on their investigation of a forgotten war hero. We have also been using our Geography skills to identify the countries involved in the war, identifying the allies and axis we had.

Year 2 In Year 2 we have been learning how to take photographs in our computing lessons. We had fun taking photos of buildings, people, selfies, close-ups, things in the distance and action shots. We enjoyed sharing them with the class.



In **Year 4** this week we have continued our science on 'living things' by exploring and learning about classification keys. We had a go at filling in our own and next week we will make our own classification keys. In maths, we have started to look at different units of measurement, in particular kilometres and metres. We have learnt equivalent lengths and know that 1km = 1,000m. We then used this to help answer equivalent calculations.

Upcoming important dates...

2nd February—PTA non-uniform day (£1 donation)

8th March—World book day at Norton

Year 6 This week we have been looking into the changing world.

This concerns physical weathering, chemical weathering, biological weathering and erosion. We performed experiments for each of these and discussed what happened in each scenario.



Whole school attendance is 93.51%.

No change from last week.

Lets see if we can improve our attendance figure!



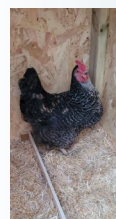
Look at the great things you can achieve with less screen time....

Amy has spent time away from screens this weekend. She used her acrylic paints from Christmas to do paintings depicting seasons and really enjoyed using her imagination and mixing all the colours.



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Over the last couple weekend's Lydia & Louis have helped to build a new and improved house for their chickens. Although there's still a bit to do on it, Mollie and Minnie moved in happily this week and have started laying their eggs in there.



Next week's diary...

29th Jan 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday		Book, TTRS, Cross County	Vegetable pasta bake Spinach & cheese whirl Jacket potato with beans or cheese
Tuesday		Table Tennis, Gardening	Pork sausage Vegetable fajitas Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Wednesday		Multi skills, Dance, Card Games	Roast turkey Vegan sausage Jacket potato with beans, cheese
Thursday		<i>Clubs cancelled due to staff training</i>	Greek chicken pitta BBA Quorn Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Friday	PTA Non-uniform day for £1 donation 2:40pm Sharing Assembly		Fish fingers Cheese & tomato pizza Jacket potato with cheese or tuna mayo