

Weekly News – 13th October 2023

A message from Mrs Farren...

Happy Friday! We hope you have all had a good week.

This week Norton children had great fun at the Literature Festival in Cheltenham- a huge thank you to all the parent helpers. Once again, the outstanding behaviour of Norton children shone out. Thank you also to Team Norton for organising this; an early love of reading is a love of learning for life.

Limit screen time!

As you know, clear routines make children feel safe. In this busy world, it is easy to put our children in front of a screen- whilst this may be necessary at times, please limit this. When we/our children are focusing on a screen, we cannot take notice of the world around us or the people around us. Whenever you can, eat with your children and take time to talk. Take time to take notice. Please could you let me know (via Dojo or email) what you have noticed in the world around you this week and I can share this in assembly and the newsletter next week.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Farren

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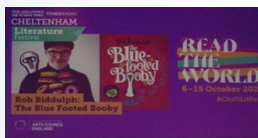
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**Slightly down on last
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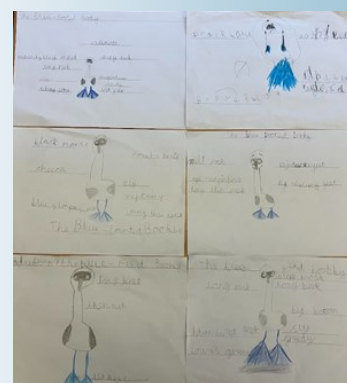
Reception Class had their first school trip on Monday to the Literature Festival and they were so well behaved. We had lots of fun spotting the dog during the show! In Maths we have been comparing amounts in sets using the language of more, fewer, less and same. They have had great fun sorting the buttons in a special box after reading the book, 'The Button Box'. We have also started to learn the story 'The Little Red Hen' ready for story mapping and writing action words next week.



In English, **Year 1** children are working towards writing a setting description about the Arctic. They have been watching videos and listening to stories to help them gather ideas about what they may be able to smell, touch, hear and see in the Arctic. They are all working hard to use their phonic knowledge to sound out words in sentences and are focusing on using capital letters and full stops correctly.



Year 2 loved visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival on Monday and enjoyed listening to the author Rob Biddulph talking about his work. Back in school, they have read lots of stories Rob has written. Their favourite has been 'The Blue-Footed Booby'. Year 2 have enjoyed drawing this character and writing words to describe him.



We have had a fantastic week in **Year 4**. We have written, acted and filmed some news reports in preparation for next weeks writing. We also had the pleasure of seeing Pamela Butchart at Cheltenham Literature Festival! She was SO funny and gave us some great tips on how to write a humorous adventure story - we will definitely be taking these on board when we next do story writing. Marcus and Hazel even got their books signed!



This week **Year 3** went to the Literature Festival to see an awesome author- Pamela Butchart. Brooke was selected to go on the main stage with Pamela and Miss Mannings. We had heaps of fun learning about how any idea can be turned into a fun adventure story.

Back at Norton, we tried out our replica Stone Age paint brushes and went on a "rock hunt" around the school.

Strive

Those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

Isaiah 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.

Psalms 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...

27th October—Non school uniform (£1 donation for FONS)

Half term—30th October to Friday 3rd November

Parent Consultations—28th & 30th November

In swimming this week **Year 5** swam in their pyjamas to experience swimming in clothes. They also learned how to tread water, float and rescue a friend from the water.

Please remember...

> Name your child's school uniform.

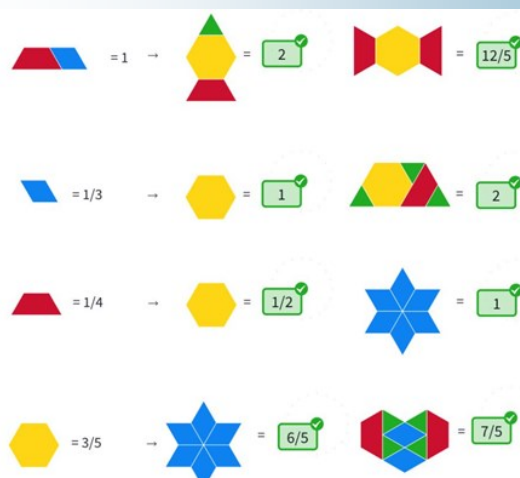
> Return your child's off-site visit forms asap

Next week's diary...

The whole school joined in with an online black history month assembly. We celebrated diversity and spoke about our historic heroes.

Year 6 This week we have looked at equivalent fractions.

The children have worked through various tasks that have challenged and consolidated our understanding of this concept. I was incredibly impressed by their work ethic when faced with this challenge in particular. They were able to manipulate these visuals to figure out the value of each of



16th Oct 23	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu
Monday		Book Club Cross Country Times Table Rock Stars	Vegetable Stir Fry Noodles Vegan Sausage Jacket Potato & Tuna (or cheese)
Tuesday	Shoebox assembly	Gardening Club	Spaghetti Bolognese Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry Jacket Potato with Beans
Wednesday		KS1 Football Love our school Fitness	Roast Gammon Vegan Quorn Jacket Potato with Cheese
Thursday		KS2 Football Mindfulness Cooking	Chicken Enchillada Cheese & Tomato Pizza Jacket Potato & Tuna (or cheese)
Friday	2:40pm—Sharing Assembly		Fish Fingers Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata Jacket Potato with Beans