

Weekly News – 12th April 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

This term our Christian value is thanks. So what, then, is being thankful or having gratitude?

Simply put, gratitude is a habit. It's a way of looking at the world and all the good things in it with a feeling of appreciation, regardless of whether or not your current situation is to your liking.

Before I go to sleep, I make a mental list of all the things I am grateful for. I have begun to realise that these are never big things that cost lots of money but things we can sometimes take for granted; bird-song, the beauty of spring (despite the weather!), my friends, family and the children at Norton.

Gratitude is a heart-centered approach to being at peace with yourself and with all you have. When you practice this feeling of gratitude, it attracts even MORE things into your life for which to be grateful.

What or who do you have in your life to be thankful for? Please discuss these with your children. Please could you let us know so that we can share these next week.

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Reception What a brilliant first week back! This week we have focussed on our fine motor skills getting ready for all our writing this term. We had fun joining in with a dough disco and carousel of activities, including cutting skills, elastic band pictures, gem stone patterns and playdoh. All these activities help support the strength in the children's hands and promote the use of a tripod grip when holding a pencil. We will be continuing with a focus on fine motor skills for the rest of the term.

Year 1 Our learning this term is centered around the topic of 'Our World's Beaches and Oceans'. To kick start off this topic the children had great fun pretending they were at the beach. We had surf boards, flippers, rubber rings and so much more! The children imagined what they could hear, see, smell, taste and feel at the beach and then enjoyed a lollipop in the sunshine!



What a great week back we have had in **Year 2!** We have started our instructions unit in English and have enjoyed doing lots of fun activities involving following and giving instructions. Here is a photo of us following instructions on how to draw a puppy!



Year 3 We've had a wonderful first week back. We've started to meet some Greek gods (figuratively) as part of our Ancient Greece unit. In maths we have been using scales to measure mass, we discovered that our stationary was surprisingly light, so we selected grams as our unit of measure.

In **Year 4** this week we have started our new topic of the Ancient Romans and written some brilliant character descriptions, using the 'show don't tell' technique. In word study, we have been looking at words where 'ch' makes a 'sh' sound, such



as *brochure*, *chauffeur*, *quiche* and *chalet*. We worked together to use dictionaries to find definitions of these new words.

This week **Year 5** have been learning about the journey of a river! Not only have we looked at a range of poems but we have also used our geographical skills to label the key features of rivers.

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.

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

Year 6 This term, in History, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. This week we had a look at who inhabited (what is now) England before the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings arrived. We studied where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from and discussed what they were like as a population.

Reminder—Full PGL payments due in no later than 28th April 2024

PLEASE REMEMBER TO....

- > check and settle all outstanding dinner money, B&A invoices and NLL invoices.
- > complete and return a B&A booking form for term 5 if required.

Paperwork uploaded onto the school website and Class Dojo.

- > Teacher led after school club form
- > Summer termly calendar
- > Class termly overviews

Paper copies available from the office.



Exciting news!

The book fair is returning to Norton next week! It will arrive on Monday 15th and be open every day after school until Friday 20th. Children will get the opportunity to look at the book fair during school time and create a wish list to then purchase books after school.

Even better - this time books are 3 for 2!

Next week's diary...

15th April 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday	Year 1 trip		Summer Vegetable Risotto Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Tuesday			Sausage in a bun Mexican Five Bean rice Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Wednesday			Roast Turkey Vegetable Wellington Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Thursday			Chicken Korma Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Friday	2:40pm Sharing Assembly		Fish Fingers with chips Vegan Sausage with chips Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo