



NORTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
GROVE STREET, NORTON-ON-DERWENT,
MALTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE, YO17 9BG

Telephone: 01653 692104
Fax: 01653 696284

HEAD TEACHER: Mrs Liz Parker, BSc. Hons, NPQH
DEPUTY HEAD: Mrs Sarah Bates, BA Hons

Email: admin@norton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk
www.norton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for the busy and exciting term ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming term. Our topic this half term is 'Why have toys changed over time?' comparing toys from the past and the present. Next half term we will be learning about 'Who was the greatest explorer?' Our Science focus is 'Everyday Materials'. Attached to this letter are our knowledge mats which highlight the key facts which we cover within each of these topics.

It is vital that your child reads as frequently as possible at home. We are asking you to listen to your child read at least three times a week. The children will be given a raffle ticket if they read 3 times within a week. If your child reads more than three times they will be rewarded with 2 raffle tickets for a chance to be entered into a prize draw to win a book. Please ask your child questions about the text as you are reading to develop their understanding and write in their reading record when you have listened to them. We will be checking the children's reading records every Monday and rewarding them if they have read three times or more throughout the previous week. If your child is reading from the Read, Write, Inc. scheme, please listen to them read their phonics book or access Oxford Owl online using their logins found in the front of their reading record.

The children will be given spelling homework every Thursday which we would like them to return the following Tuesday.

Every Monday morning we will continue to do KIRF tests. Our new KIRF's are Times Tables practise. We have put an information sheet in your child's green book but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher. The children would really benefit from practising at home as much as possible. The times table they are currently working on is shown in their book. All of the children will be starting on the 10 times table.

As always we expect our children to adhere to the uniform policy at all times. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for all aspects of school including PE. This consists of a plain white T-shirt, black or blue shorts and for Games a warm top and/or jogging bottoms (to be worn over the PE kit) and trainers. PE lessons will be on **Monday and Thursday** afternoon.

Fruit or vegetables will be available at break time each day along with milk. Your child is encouraged to bring water in a named, **clear** drinks bottle to use in the classroom, which can be refilled during the day.

Please could we ask that all your child's clothing and equipment (including their lunch boxes and bags) are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it easier to return stray belongings to their rightful owner! Name labels can be obtained from www.stikins.co.uk – help raise funds for our school use our schools number 14630.

This half term each of the Year One classes have their Inspire Workshops.

30.1.25 Mrs Windress' class
6.2.25 Mrs Hamilton's class
13.2.25 Mrs Merrall's class

We will continue to have Good Work assemblies on Friday afternoons.
Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Windress, Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Merrall



