

Welcome to the start of another half term at Norris Bank! The children have settled incredibly well, having grown quickly accustomed to the changes to school this year. We are extremely proud of them! Your child's mental wellbeing and health remains our top priority and we will support in any way we can as this half term progresses and we face new challenges. The key areas of focus of our curriculum this term will be geography, art, and design and technology as we learn about Manchester and New York City!

Contacting Us

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no face to face meetings taking place. If you need to contact us, please either email, message us via ClassDojo, or contact the office.

School Telephone : 0161 432 3944

karen.aspey@norrisbank.stockport.sch.uk

katie.boughhey@norrisbank.stockport.sch.uk

RE: Children will study Judaism this term, looking at different Jewish festivals and beliefs. We will mark the festival of Hanukkah, and learn how people of the Jewish faith mark this important moment in their calendar.



Computing: Children will develop their word processing skills by creating an e-book of a familiar tale. We will study the importance of being safe online, before we move onto block coding.

Key Dates:

W/b: 9/11/20—parents' evening

13/11/20—children in need

W/b: 16/11/20—Anti-bullying week

W/b: 16/11/20—Road safety week

11/12/20—Christmas jumper day

English: Our grammar focus for this half term will be nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs, as well as conjunctions. We will begin the term studying diamond poetry, before writing a recount of a journey along the Hudson River towards New York City. Then, the children will use their knowledge of NYC to write a tourist guide of the city. Children will research key landmarks, before organising their information into paragraphs complete with subheadings. We will continue to practise handwriting, writing letters of a consistent size relative to one another.

Supporting your child at home: Please read regularly with your child. There will be weekly spelling checks, spelling rules will be posted each Monday for a check the following Monday. The words will consolidate year 2 spelling rules and phonic knowledge. For maths, practise skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, and recalling number bonds up to 10 and then 20. Please practise doubling with your child, and begin to learn the two times tables.

PSHE: Our focus this term is on safety and kindness. We will be commemorating Remembrance day, studying and celebrating diversity as part of this. We will then mark Road Safety week and Anti-Bullying week within PSHE lessons, learning how to stay safe in different situations.

PE: Indoor PE will take place on a Thursday, the children will be given an opportunity to make gymnastic shapes, perform dance and take part in keep fit activities. Outdoor PE sessions will be on Monday.

Maths: We will be focusing predominantly on addition and subtraction strategies this term. Children will recap how to use and draw a numberline, and how to use this strategy to help solve calculations. Later into the term, children will study 2D and 3D shapes, learning and comparing their properties.

Creative Curriculum: Our focus this term is geography, comparing and contrasting Manchester with New York City. Using our new found knowledge of NYC, the children will research and study the architecture of the Big Apple. Then, we will learn about the importance of bridges within the settlement and use this to inspire us to design and build our own bridge structures as part of design and technology.

Science: Incorporated into this focus, children will look at materials and their uses, discussing how their properties make them suitable for particular jobs. During the lessons where the children design their bridge, we will talk about materials and the ideal materials they should use should their bridge be built in real life.