Manorfield Detectives.

Is your House in school Norton?

If so, this is who your House is named after, Shadrack Norton, a very unusual Christian name isn't it?

Have a look and see if you can find out about his name and where it comes from.....here's a clue - a religious book.

We use his name at school because he was the builder of the old school on New Road.

Shadrack was born in Stoney Stanton in 1840; here he is on one of the first census in 1841. You might need some help from an adult to read the handwriting.

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Could you see his name, right near the bottom of the page, he was just 1 year old. Can you read the names of his parents? Can you read what his father did for a job?

On the next census from 10 years later in 1851, Shadrack is 11 years old. It can be hard to read as the officials cross through words sometimes.

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The writing is quite tricky, but can you find them this time? The spellings are a little different too but this is because the person filling in the census (the enumerator) didn't always know how to spell very well. Sometimes they spelled words as they sounded (phonetically). At that time, Shadrack's parents probably couldn't read and write so the census was filled in for them.

This 1851 census tells us more information than the first, what can you discover about Shadrack and his parents?

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By 1861, Shadrack had left home, he is now 21. There is an address this time; can you see where he was living?

How do we know this is 'our' Shadrack Norton and not someone else with the same name? If you're not sure, look at the column called 'Where Born'.

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This next census, (above) shows Shadrack as a married man with his first child, a boy named Earnest. P. Norton in 1871. The family lived in South Norwood, Croydon.

What is Shadrack's wife called? It tells us Shadrack is a grocer-a shopkeeper. Can you see, his wife's brother is also living with them, what is his job? Do you think he should be working at his age?

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On the following census (above), from 1881, Shadrack Norton and his wife are living on Long Street in Stoney Stanton. The census tells us he is a builder/farmer. Can you see the name of his other son, born since the last census?

The census below is the last one for Shadrack, it dates from 1891 and it shows us that Shadrack is living in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

He isn't living in his own house with his wife, he is a lodger with another family and his son Earnest, now 21 is also there with him.

Shadrack is listed as a foreman/bricklayer; can you see what his son does?

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Shadrack Norton seems to have moved around quite a lot in his life and certainly had a variety of jobs.

He built Highfield House, some cottages on Highfield Street, Mountsorrel Cottages on Station Road, and in 1879 he designed and built the old school (now the Village Community Hall).

Sadly, he died on October 22nd 1891, his business had suffered and he owed money to the bank.

In Stoney Stanton, we remember Shadrack Norton through the road named after him and in the buildings he created. Houses and buildings which are still lived in and used today over 100 years later, as well as our House named after him in school.