

Year 2 Class News



Spring Term 2023 – 2024

Welcome back to another action-packed term at NPA. The following newsletter will highlight everything you need to know for the Spring term.

Year 2 Spring Curriculum 2023

English: This term will be using a wide range of non-fiction texts to support our learning about Africa. From this we will write non-chronological reports, a holiday brochure and instructions on 'How to care for a wild beast'. We will also delve in stories with an African theme, including traditional African tales, to support our narrative work - newspaper reports, retells and job advertisements. Alongside these genres, we will continue to focus on sentence development and the application of phonic skills in writing, which will extend to learning spelling rules and patterns.

Guided Reading: During this term we move towards whole class daily reading sessions. The children will be introduced to reading gems which will support their language acquisition and development of skills in retrieval, prediction, inference and sequencing. In addition, some children will continue to enjoy a small group session 3 times per week where they will; practise decoding words linked to their phonic stage, build their recognition of common words, extend their vocabulary and build upon their comprehension skills. As always a key element of these sessions is to encourage a love of reading.

Maths: As in the Autumn term, maths sessions will continue to be delivered through a mastery approach, which involves children developing mathematical understanding by engaging practically with number and using pictorial representations alongside abstract symbols. This term children will revisit and consolidate their understanding of place value with 2-digit numbers and further develop their strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems including in the context of money. There will be a focus on multiplication and division, fractions, shape, measurement and statistics.

Science: During this term, the children will focus on Animals (including humans) They will also explore how the varied regions of Africa provide suitable habitats for the world's wildest animals.

Geography: During this term, the children will explore the amazing continent of Africa. They will locate Africa on a world map using globes, atlases and use google earth to investigate its regions and physical features. They will identify where Africa fits into the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world, find out how the geographical location of Africa affects its climate and make comparisons between the physical and human features of the UK.

History: The children will be exploring how the human and physical features of Africa, as well as what life is like for the people who live there, changes over time.

PE: PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays during this term.

RE:

Music:

Art:

DT: Mechanisms – pivots, levers and linkages – Making a moving African animal.

Class Dojo

As you know, the pupils work very hard each week to earn 'Dojo Points' for effort and achievement, as well as use of their Learning Powers and manners, attendance and smart uniform. We highlight the weekly 'Dojo Masters' (top earners) each Thursday during our Celebration Assembly. These are pupils who have achieved the top number of Dojos in their class.

Learning Powers

Here at Nantwich Primary Academy our Learning Powers are the values we use to help us on 'our The Pathway to Success'. Each Learning Power/Value is a building block, exercising the powers every day builds learning muscles so that we can be all round great learners! Each week we celebrate these in our Celebration Assembly and School Newsletter. The children also receive one of the characters to look after for the week.

Homework

Your child will receive a Homework Overview sheet each half term explaining the home learning that should take place matched with Dojo points. Each week your child will also receive a spelling list. This shows which spellings your child will be tested on each week. Weekly homework should also include time to work on TT Rockstar and Reading.

Reading diaries/Reading books

Each child will have a reading diary and reading book for home reading. When you read at home with your child, do write in the diary as we can then reward your child for their efforts with Dojos and book rewards. The more times your child reads the more prizes they will receive!

Times Table Rockstar

Your child has an account on Times-Table Rockstars and should be practicing regularly to increase their recall and rock speed. Training in the 'Garage' area of the site can also earn virtual coins and helps in gaining confidence. Here is the direct link to the website:

trockstars.com

Snack

Snack is available each day. 50p will buy a piece of toast and drink with a bacon roll and drink for £1.30 on Fridays! Your child will not need much more than our offer as lunchtime soon comes round. If you are sending in snacks from please provide a healthy choice, crisps and chocolate bars can be kept to lunchtime. Polite reminder that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

PE Kit and Uniform

We will continue 'Fitness Friday' this academic year. All pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 must be in PE kit every Friday unless otherwise stated. Your child will have two PE sessions every week but will be active at other times too. Our Healthy lifestyle programme is also part of these sessions including cooking. School Uniform should be correctly worn at all times this can be found on the school website. <https://www.nantwichprimaryacademy.org/uniform>