

EYFS Class News



Autumn Term 2023 – 2024

Welcome to the Autumn term in Nursery and Reception at NPA. We hope that you have all enjoyed the Summer holidays and had a well-deserved rest! We'd like to send a warm welcome to our new children and their families; we're so pleased to have you with us. The following newsletter will highlight everything you need to know for the Autumn term.

Our topic for this term is '**Helpful Heroes**'. We will be learning about the people who help us at home, school and in our community as well as the people who help to keep us safe and healthy. We very much value your contributions to our topic and welcome any suggestions or possible questions to answer; please complete the ideas slip as part of your child's homework.

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Communication and Language

We will be reading frequently to the children, engaging them in stories and non-fiction books and providing them with lots of opportunities to embed new vocabulary. In Nursery, we will be focusing on learning songs and nursery rhymes and using longer sentences. Children in Reception will be learning how to listen carefully and developing social phrases such as 'Good morning, how are you?'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be sharing the 'Colour Monster' book which will help children to identify and manage their emotions. With our younger children, we will be working with them to develop their sense of responsibility and feeling of belonging within our school community and developing new friendships. In Reception, the children will be considering the feelings of others and learning to be resilient. Our 'Helpful Heroes' topic will support the children in learning who can help them to be healthy and safe.

Physical Development

The children will be spending a lot of time outside which is great for developing their gross motor skills with our climbing equipment, bikes and trikes, gravel pit and space to run. Our weekly PE sessions (on a Monday) will begin with a dance unit and then onto ball skills after half-term. We will also be developing the children's fine motor skills with 'Dough Disco'. 'Squiggle Whilst you wiggle' and lots of repeated and varied opportunities to develop their control and confidence with their hands.

Literacy

The children in Reception will start their daily phonics lessons learning how to recognise phonemes (sounds) and write them. They will soon progress onto blending phonemes together to read simple words. In writing, we will be teaching children how to identify the phonemes that they can hear in a word as well as teaching the children to write their name with correct letter formation. Children in Nursery will be developing their phonological awareness with lots of listening games, rhyme and alliteration and will be encouraged to use a range of mark-marking tools and materials.

Mathematics:

This half-term, our Reception maths sessions will focus on accurately counting objects, subitising (recognising amounts without counting) and the composition and comparison of numbers. Nursery children will be singing lots of counting songs, learning to recite numbers in order and exploring colour with the Colour Monster.

Understanding the World

As the summer ends, we will be exploring the change in seasons and what make Autumn special. We will be introducing different occupations to the children through our 'Helpful Heroes' topic (if you are one of these then please do get in touch if you'd like to visit us!)

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.

We also use ClassDojo to share our learning in EYFS. We will post to Class Story regularly and share learning on individual portfolios. You are very welcome to upload to your child's portfolio to share special occasions, days out, learning at home – we like to share these moments with the children!

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

We provide tasks to complete that are linked to our learning in school. We make these enjoyable things to do together with your child. Please ensure that homework books are bought into school each Wednesday – this is to allow us to look at any tasks completed, share it with the rest of class and award ClassDojo points. Books will be returned by the end of the week. Homework can also be uploaded onto ClassDojo portfolio.

Children in Reception will also receive 'tricky words' to learn and a phonics reading book – a little bit on time spent on these daily will have a hugely positive impact on your child's learning.

Reading diaries/Reading books

Each child will have a reading diary and a 'Love to Read' book for home reading. When you share books 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. Children in Reception will receive a phonics book matched to their phonics stage later in the term.

Snack

Children in Nursery and Reception receive a piece of toast each morning when they come into school; this is charged at £1 per week and the money also contributes to other consumables such as ingredients for baking or playdough. The children have fruit and milk as a mid-morning snack – the milk is provided for free up until your child's 5th birthday. If you wish for your child to continue having milk after this, you can pay online for this.

PE Kit and Uniform

PE sessions for Nursery and Reception will be on a **Monday** – please send your child to school in their PE kit. The children are always very active in EYFS and spend a lot of time in our outside area – please ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather. You are welcome to send in a pair of wellington boots to be kept in school.

Finally, as always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak (or send a Dojo message) to any member of the Early Years Team.

Mrs Turner, Miss Taylor, Mrs Bird, Miss Foster, Miss Alcott and Miss Dale