

Year 5 Class News



Autumn Term 2023 – 2024

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

Year 5 Autumn Curriculum 2023

English: This term we have lots of exciting texts to read. Our writing will be based around our main book, *The Adventures of Odysseus* by Hugh Lupton. We will be sailing around the Mediterranean meeting lots of mythical monsters!

Guided Reading: We will be focussing this term on a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts, all linked to our topic of Ancient Greece. We will be developing our reading skills and learning about different types of reading questions.

Maths: Year 5 start the term with learning based on place value, before building up our skills using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will then further develop our understanding of fractions.

Science: In the first half of this Autumn term, Year 5 will be finding out about forces. We will be thinking about friction, gravity, air and water resistance and much, much more. The second half term will see us finding out more about the properties of materials, developing our understanding of their uses in the modern world.

History and Geography: Our main focus will be on the history of Ancient Greece, where we will build our knowledge of democracy, Greek architecture and Alexander the Great. We will consider the geographical features of the country and how this helped Greece to become a great power whose influence is still felt to this very day.

PE: This term PE will be taking place on a Friday, where we will be enjoying two separate sessions. The first session will be gymnastics and then, later, we will be heading to the swimming baths. Please ensure that children come in their PE kits and also bring their swimming kits every week.

RE: For the first half of Autumn term, we will be studying the Hindu religion. We will be finding out about how Hindus make sense of the world and looking at the festival of Diwali and the festival of Holi. In our second half term we will spend some time thinking about the Kingdom of God and what this means to different people.

Music: In music we are going to learn about composition and relate this to our RE learning about the Holi festival. We are also going to start our Brass lessons, which we are really looking forward to!

Art and DT: The first half term will see us focussing on Art, where we are learning about topography and maps. In DT we will be creating our own pop-up books based on the history of Nantwich.

French: In French this term we will be consolidating our knowledge of French numbers as well as learning about how to say the date. We will spend the second half term learning about how to talk about animals and pets.

PSHCE: As well as participating in Votes for Schools debates, Year 5 will also be working on our No Outsiders programme.

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. We award extra dojo points for each of the categories (1 dojo, 3 dojos, 5 dojos) if the home learning in shows extra effort. Each half term, your child will also receive a half termly spelling list. This shows which spellings your child will be tested on each week. These spellings should be practiced ready for the weekly spelling test. Weekly homework should also include time to work on TT Rockstar and Reading. Even 10 minutes a day will have a hugely positive impact on your child's learning.

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>