

Year 4 Class News



Autumn Term 2024 – 2025

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

Year 4 Autumn Curriculum 2024

Topic: 'The Romans' – 'Were the Romans cruel or cool?'

Our new topic is 'The Romans' and we will be diving into their world and seeing how they lived their everyday lives, the Roman Empire and the different jobs people did! There are so many exciting things to learn and explore. We will be investigating these influences in our Geography and History lessons as well as across the wider areas of the curriculum.



English:

In English, we will be reading; Escape from Pompeii and Romulus and Remus. These are fantastic stories which provide many writing opportunities for us to explore. We will be starting by developing our descriptive writing, looking at how adjectives can be used to create images. We will also be concentrating on our SPaG progress and developing our knowledge of word families, prepositions and other literary devices.

Guided Reading:

In Guided Reading, we will be reading a variety of extracts that tie in with the Roman theme. We will then be comparing different text types and looking at how the features differ between them. We will read Roman plays, non-fiction texts, poetry and other fiction books that depict the height of the Roman empire.



Maths:

We will be exploring Arithmetic and focusing on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. We will be using these basic skills to tackle wider problems and secure our understanding before moving on to trickier areas of Maths to practise our basic skills and fundamental knowledge..

Science:

This half term, we will be looking at Solids, Liquids and Gases and 'if water is always wet?' and then moving on to exploring Living Things and their Habitats and comparing the different environments animals live in.



PE: We are very fortunate for this half term as there are two PE sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child wears a PE kit to school on these days. Children will also be swimming on a Wednesday Afternoon, with half the children going for the first 6 weeks of the term, and the other half going after the October Half Term. Please bring swimming kits on these days, but come to school in your normal uniform.

RE: We will be looking at Christianity and the different beliefs that people have. We will be looking at the importance of prayer and how different faiths pray.



Music: We will be taking part in Singfest this year, alongside other Nantwich schools. We will also explore the rainforest through music and be introduced to new musical terms. We will use a mixture of body percussion and tuned percussion instruments as the children create their own rhythms of the rainforest, layer by layer.

Art/DT: We will be creating Traditional Roman Art through drawing this half term and exploring how the art has changed over time. In DT, we will be creating pavilions and slingshot chariots.



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>