

Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2022



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

Class Dojo

We continue to use Class Dojo – if you have a problem accessing your child's details (points earned etc) or cannot see any class stories / school stories, please do not hesitate to ask for help. Usually, we can sort this after school using an internet connected device of your own, and our class computer, so we'll try our best!

Homework

Your child will receive a Homework Overview based around a curriculum area each half term. It will explain the choices for home learning that should take place and one piece should be returned via Class Dojo Portfolio each week. Full details will be on the Homework Overview and work will be celebrated each week.

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 regularly for the weekly spelling test. Weekly homework should also include time to work on TT Rockstar and ReadTheory. Even 10 minutes a day will have a hugely positive impact on your child's learning.

Times Table Rockstar

Your child has an account on Times-Table Rockstars and should be practicing regularly to increase their recall and rock speed. We have a times table check coming up in June and the children must know their tables fluently. Practising on Soundcheck and Studio is a great way to practise. Here is a link:

www.ttrockstars.com



Growth Mindset

Believing you can improve your abilities by practising or by finding a different way to achieve a goal is proven in developing resilience for life. This Growth Mindset approach is at the core of learning at NPA. This year we will continue to develop this strategy further so that all pupils can release their full potential. Here is a link to show our work so far: <http://nantwichprimaryacademy.co.uk/page/growth-mindset/41227>

Learning Powers / Dojo Master / Rewards



Here at Nantwich Primary Academy our Learning Powers are the values we use to help us become lifelong learners. They are the building blocks in developing the 'powers' we need to be all round good 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.

Our dojo masters are the children who have collected the most dojo points over the week! They might have collected these for excellent work, great choices in the classroom, wonderful behaviour or any other positives this week!

Children in Year 4 also have the ability to get the prize box on a Friday afternoon for EXCEPTIONAL behaviour that week! Children who have reached gold zone 3 times or been on diamond can help themselves to a prize... good luck year 4!!

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English/Guided Reading: In English, we will be reading; Escape from Pompeii and Remus and Romulus. This is a fantastic story which provides many writing opportunities for us to explore. In Guided Reading, 'The Roman Diary story of Ioana.' Which is a fantastic story about the Roman empire. We are also looking at the Roman Empire and the many different influences it had. We will be reading 'So you think you've got it bad' by the British Library which will give us a real insight into their lives!

Maths: We will be investigating decimals and how they relate to our fractions. We will then move on to looking at length, time and money and see how we can use these skills in our real life!

Science: This half term, we will be looking at Sound and how Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone and then moving on to exploring electricity and Thomas Edison marvellous creations!

Geography/History/Art/DT: 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.

PE: We are very fortunate for this half term as there are two PE sessions on Wednesday and Friday. **Please ensure your child wears a PE kit to school on these days.** Children will be learning athletics and practicing their skills.

RE: We will be looking at sacred texts that different religions follow and we will be looking at the importance of prayer and how different faiths pray. Our focus is on Judaism and the different aspects of their culture.

French: We will be learning our French greetings, conversation topics and how to ask for certain things! We will be using these skills in the classroom and trying to ask each other questions!

Reminders

Reading diaries/Reading books

Please remember that we will allow the children to change their reading books each Monday and Friday and use this opportunity to check through their diaries. Reading regularly at home will have a significant impact on the number of words your child will meet and have a knock-on effect on the quality of their writing, speech, and creative ideas.

Snack

Snack options continue to be available (purchased online) with bacon baps for £1 on Fridays. They may buy a piece of toast and drink for break, if needed. Payments for snack should be made at the end of each week ready for the following week.

STEM

We will be continuing to develop cross curricular learning through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This will include mini STEM activities and enrichment days developing problem solving, creativity, teamwork, independent thinking and communication.

My Happy Mind

As shared in NPA News, we will continue to build resilience, self-esteem, confidence and a balanced happy mind through the five modules which teach positive habits. The children will learn about their brain and how to look after it, about character, gratitude, positive relationships and meaningful goal setting.

PE Kit/School Uniform

Your child will have PE every Wednesday and Friday. PE kit is a plain white round neck t-shirt, black shorts or joggers and pumps/trainers. A black jumper or school jumper can also be worn. Children must wear PE kit to school on the allocated days. School Uniform should be correctly worn at all times this can be found on the school website.

<https://nantwichprimaryacademy.co.uk/page/uniform/5638>

*Best wishes,
Miss Lawton and Mrs Seddon*