

Year 4 Newsletter Spring 2023



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.

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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Year 4 Spring Curriculum 2023

English/Guided Reading: In English, we will be reading; The Firework Maker's Daughter. This is a fantastic story which provides many writing opportunities for us to explore. In Guided Reading we will be delving into Michael Morpurgo's 'King of the Cloud Forest' which is a fascinating tale about an adventure through the Himalayas. We will also be reading a non-fiction text about Extreme Natural Disasters where we can learn all the scientific detail about how natural disasters occur.

Maths: We will be exploring Multiplication and Division in depth this half term, ready for our multiplication check in June. We will then move on and explore measurement and start investigating fractions and decimals.

Science: This half term, we will be looking at Living things and their habitats, and asking our enquiry question – living things, what's different and what's the same? We will then be exploring Electricity and how this relates to our lives today.

Geography/History/Art/DT: Our new topic is 'Extreme Earth' and we will be exploring all things volcanoes, tornadoes and earthquakes! We are going to look at why natural disasters happen, how to respond to them and some of the biggest disasters in history! It will be really exciting and I can't wait to get stuck in!

PE: We are very fortunate for this term as there are two PE sessions on Tuesdays and Friday. **Please ensure your child wears a PE kit to school on these days.**

RE: We will be looking at Judaism in the first half of the term and the different celebrations and traditions they have. We will then be looking at Christianity around Easter and how it relates to the holy story.

French: We will be learning about minibeasts in French and how to say different names and habitats. We will be continuing our conversation 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 Tuesday 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 Knapper*