

Year 5 Newsletter Summer 2022



Welcome back to a busy and exciting Summer Term! So much progress has already been made during your time in Year 5 and I can't wait to see how much you will continue to improve this 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 sheet each half term explaining the home learning that should take place and matched with Dojo points. We will also be awarding extra dojo points for each of the categories (1 dojo, 3 dojos, 5 dojos) if the home learning in question shows particular merit or effort with presentation.

Weekly homework should also include time to work on TT Rockstars, reading and spelling practice. Even 10 minutes a day will have a hugely positive impact on your child's learning.

Times Tables Rockstars

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: ttrockstars.com There will be dojos to be earned for improvements made to your rock speed, and I will also arrange for us to have some battles with some of the other Key Stage 2 classes!

Spelling Practice

An overview of this half term's spellings will be stuck into your child's reading record and also added to Class Dojo. One list will be tested on Friday each week. Although we will be learning these spellings in school, it would be a great benefit to your child if you could ensure they learn them at home too. In addition to their weekly spelling lists, the children will be learning their Year 5/6 spelling words. There are some fantastic websites available to engage your child in learning these tricky words. I have recommended one below:
https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/games-10609.htm

My Happy Mind

Every Monday morning, we start the week with our My Happy Mind session. This is an enjoyable start to the week and encourages us to take some time to consider our mental wellbeing and what we can do to further improve this. I know some children are really getting the hang of 'Happy Breathing' now and can use this to help them relax. We have also talked about the importance of practising recalling facts to strengthen our neural pathways and are currently considering the impact of appreciating our own qualities as well as those of others. If you would like any further information about this, I would be very happy to discuss it with you.

Learning Powers



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.

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English/Guided Reading: In English, we will be reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. This is a book that I love and hope that you will too. This book is set in the Amazon jungle (which links nicely with our Ancient Maya topic!). We have already found the Amazon on a map and learnt about some of the human and physical features of this fabulous place. We will be writing character descriptions for Fred, Con, Lila and Max as well as a diary entry from Fred about his time in this amazing place. As part of our non-fiction work, we will also create a travel guide to the Amazon jungle, so we have lots of exciting writing opportunities coming up.

Maths: Knowledge of times tables will be incredibly important this term as we will be working on multiplying fractions before moving on to decimals and percentages. Any spare time that you have to practise your times tables on TT Rock Stars or Hit the Button will be of great benefit to your learning this term.

Science: This half term, we will be learning about living things and animals. We will learn about the human lifecycle, puberty, gestational periods and life expectancy.

After the half term holiday, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. This will include describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird as well as learning about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

History: Our topic for this term is Ancient Maya. We will be learning about the different Maya city states, Maya food, ancient Maya beliefs and comparing the ancient and modern-day life of Maya people. I am sure this will be an exciting and enjoyable topic for us all to get stuck into.

PE: We have swimming on **Wednesdays** this half term so please bring your swimming costume, towel and a £1. We will also have PE outdoors every **Friday** as we continue to work with the Sports Coaching Group. Please make sure you wear the correct PE kit to school. The weather is likely to be warmer, so please dress appropriately and don't forget your water bottle.

RE: Our topic for this half term is Islam. We will be learning about the importance of The Five Pillars of Islam.

Art/DT: We will be learning about South and Central American art this term. This will include developing our art skills to consider adding shading, sculpting and looking at famous artists.

French: In French, we will be learning to say what foods we enjoy eating for breakfast and lunch.

Music: Mr. Birch from the Love Music Trust will provide brass instrument tuition.

Reminders

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, please do write in the diary as we can then reward your child for their efforts. Effort put into reading really does have a positive impact on your child's progress across many subjects, so your support in encouraging them to choose a book they enjoy and to read for pleasure would be greatly appreciated.

STEM

We will have lots of opportunities throughout the year to use our Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills. Our Exploring Europe topic will provide many opportunities for us to apply our skills.

Snack

If you would like to pay for your child to have a school snack at break time, please continue to order a week in advance. We will not be able to accept any cash payments for snack at this time. Please contact the school office if you require any further information about this.

PE Kit

Your child will have PE every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. PE kit is a plain white round neck t-shirt, black shorts and pumps/trainers. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on these days.

Uniform

School Uniform should be correctly worn at all times this can be found on the school website.

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