

# Year 6 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 6 Autumn Curriculum 2023

**English:** In English, our class text will be *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo. This amazing book tells the story of David and Tucky and their experiences whilst being evacuated from London to Devon. We will be writing diaries, narratives and newspaper reports over the next few weeks.

**Guided Reading:** We will be focusing this term on a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts, all linked to our topic of World War 2. We will be developing our reading skills and learning about different types of reading questions.

**Maths:** We will begin by studying place value before delving deeper into addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. After this significant block, we will begin to look more closely at fractions. Finally, we will finish with a week looking at converting units of measure, both imperial and metric.

**Science:** Our first topic will be a study of light, and in particular how we see. After October half-term we will be building on our Year 4 knowledge about electricity.

**History and Geography:** World War II is our focus, but our main area of investigation will be about how it has impacted Nantwich and the local area.

**PE:** This term, our PE lessons will take place every Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesdays we have been lucky enough to be selected for cricket coaching. On Thursdays our focus will be gymnastics. As a whole school, we have 'Fitness Fridays', so we will be taking part in additional active sessions to promote and improve our wellbeing.

**RE:** For the first half of this term, we will be studying the Hindu Dharma. This will involve looking into Hindu values and beliefs about showing respect for all living things. After the half term holiday, we will be discussing how religious and non-religious people explain suffering.

**Music:** This term, we will be looking at songs from the WWII era, as well as famous and popular singers / bands.

**Art and DT:** This half term, our focus will be on accurately increasing the scale of our drawings. After the holidays, we will be busy completing a D&T project linked to our electricity topic.

**French:** In French this term, we will be consolidating our knowledge of how to say the date. We will then move on to discussing the weather.

**PSHCE:** We'll be using our PSHE curriculum to help your child as they prepare for year 7, growing up and learning more about services for support in their area through activities such as **Crucial Crew!** (Letters to follow in a couple of weeks).

### **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](http://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>