

Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2021



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

In addition, and new for this year, you will also be able to support your child in recalling mathematical facts, as they will be receiving a maths focus that they will be tested on weekly.

Read Theory

Your child also has an account on readtheory.org, an excellent website designed to support your child in developing reading skills by using extracts and quizzes. The site tracks your child's progress and then sets suitably challenging texts based on responses to questions. Link: www.readtheory.org

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



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.

Year 4 Summer Curriculum 2021

English/Guided Reading: In English, we will be reading; *There's a Viking in my bed* by Jeremy Strong. This is a fantastic story which provides many writing opportunities for us to explore.

Non-fiction: We will be looking at Vikings and where they originated from, looking at where they conquered and settled in new lands. We will research Viking settlements, what their homes were made from and how they survived by farming. We will research how Vikings lived, how they worked and what they ate.

Maths: We will be looking at measurement including perimeter and area, metres, centimetres and millimetres. We will measure by weighing items and reading scales, working with grams and kilograms. There will be regular revisits of times tables and addition, subtraction and division strategies.

Science: This half term, we will be exploring Sound. We will look closely how sound molecules move through vibration and how sound travels through different materials. We will investigate if sound can travel through water and is it possible to make our own ear defenders?

Geography: This half term our Geography sessions are linked to our Viking topic, exploring where the Vikings originated from and where they settled.

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 football skills and will also be doing exciting activities such as orienteering.

RE: We will continue to look closely at Judaism and how Jews have special ceremonies, places of worship, customs and traditions.

Art/DT : We will spend our D&T time designing and creating an alarmed box. This will help us learn about electrical closed circuits in readiness for science.

French: In French, we will be learning about our family. Learning the names for family members and to speak clearly.

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, do write in the diary as we can then reward your child for their efforts. The more times your child reads the more prizes they will receive!

25 times: Bookmark

45 times: Badge

65 times: Choose their own book to keep!

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

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.

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>

Contact
Information

Email:
admin@nantwichprimaryacademy.co.uk

Phone
01270 685000

Website:
<http://nantwichprimaryacademy.co.uk>