

Year 6 Newsletter Summer 1 2021



Welcome back to Nantwich Primary Academy. The following newsletter will highlight everything you need to know for the rest of the Summer term.

Class Dojo

We will be continuing 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.

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, 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.

My Happy Mind

Every week we will be spending some time on My Happy Mind, which for Year 6 involves working on transition to High School.

Votes for Schools

Votes for Schools allows our children to discuss topics that are relevant in today's world. We look at the different points of view before forming our own opinions and having our own individual votes.

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: <https://www.nantwichprimaryacademy.org/growth-mindset>

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

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English/Guided Reading: In English, we will be finishing our book *The Good Thieves* by Katherine Rundell.

For Guided Reading we will be starting a new class text called *'The Great Elephant Chase'* by Gillian Cross, where Tad and Cissie travel across the USA with Khush the elephant.

Non-fiction: We will be reading a variety of texts, with a focus on the United States of America, as well as studying the poetry of Edgar Allan Poe

Maths: We will be continuing to work on developing our basic skills and fluency as well as studying position and direction and ratio and proportion. This will be followed by an introduction to statistics.

We will also be undertaking an additional maths session for the first half term.

Science: This half term, we will be discovering all about the Linnaeus classification system. We will be creating and using classification keys to show how the animal kingdom can be divided into different subsets.

Geography: We will be continuing our virtual trip around the U.S.A. and looking at the West Coast of the country. Later on in the topic, we will be finding out about lines of latitude and longitude as well as 6-figure grid references.

PE: In PE we will be learning basketball skills as well as exploring some new outdoor adventurous activities. In the second half term we will be moving on to learning tennis skills.

RE: We will be exploring Christianity and the themes of rescue and salvation.

Music: In music we will continue to look at the music styles that came out of America in the last 100 years.

Art/DT: We will be studying the American artist Georgia O'Keefe.

French: In French, we will be learning about where we live. This will include describing where we are from and learning

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!

STEM

Our pupils worked really hard on their STEM activities at the end of the Spring term. We look forward to incorporating more STEM activities across our lessons.

Snack

Snacks continue to be available with bacon baps for £1 on Fridays. They may buy a piece of toast and drink for break, if needed. All payment must be online. Staff will not accept cash at doors.

PE Kit

Your child will have PE every **Tuesday and Friday**. Your child should come to school wearing appropriate PE kit; including black shorts/joggers and a plain white t-shirt.

Uniform

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

<https://www.nantwichprimaryacademy.org/uniform>