

Year 4 Class Newsletter Autumn 2020



Welcome to the first term in Year 4!

Our topic this term is:

'Roaming Romans'.

We have so many exciting learning opportunities planned for you this year.

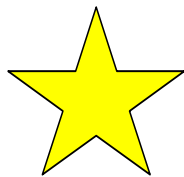
Class Dojo

As you know, the pupils work very hard each week to earn 'Dojo Points' for effort and achievement and this is celebrated on Fridays in our Celebration Assembly. We highlight the weekly 'Dojo Masters'. These are pupils who have achieved the top number of Dojos in their class.

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.

Each half term, your child will receive a half termly spelling list. This shows which spellings your child will be tested on each week. These spellings should be practiced for the weekly spelling test.



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.

Weekly homework should also include time to work online on TT Rockstars and ReadTheory. 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: trockstars.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. 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 Autumn Curriculum 2020

English/Guided Reading

In English this term we are looking at myths, fiction and non-fiction texts. For example; The traditional Roman myth 'Romulus and Remus' and the gorgeous picture book, 'Escape from Pompeii'.

Throughout the term we will be:

- Writing diaries and newspaper reports
- Improving our work by editing and redrafting
- Writing setting and character descriptions

Guided reading takes place as part of each school day; this is where your child reads a book linked to their assessed reading level, answering questions about what they have read.

Maths

• **Number and place value**- read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1,000,000 and rounding any number up to 1,000,000

• **Addition and subtraction**- add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using formal written methods

• **Multiplication and division**- multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number using a formal written method, including long multiplication for two-digit numbers

Science

Living things and their habitats- understanding why living things live in certain habitats and using classification keys to classify them.

Animals including humans- Looking at the digestive system and the functions of teeth.

History/Geography

Roaming Romans

We will be looking at the living conditions, religion and lifestyles of Ancient Romans citizens to see how these contributed to our modern day society.

PE

Athletics

Football

RE/PSHCE

How and why do people pray or not pray?

What do sacred texts teach you about life and how do they influence people?

Relationships, feelings and emotions

Music

Recorders and singing assemblies

Art/DT

Cooking delicious Roman food

French

Numbers up to 30

Seasons/days/dates

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: Badges

65 times: Choose their own book to keep!

STEM

One of our curriculum aims this year will be developing cross curricular learning through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This will include regular visits to our STEM DEN and enrichment days developing problem solving, creativity, teamwork, independent thinking and communication.

Snack

Snacks are available each day with bacon rolls for £1 on Fridays! 50p will buy a piece of toast and drink and your child will not need much more than that as lunchtime soon comes round. Snack money should be in a purse or wallet. Staff will not accept cash at doors. Children are responsible for looking after their own snack money.

PE Kit

Your child will have PE every week on a Monday. Kit should be kept in school for the half term unless sent home to wash. PE kit is a plain white round neck t-shirt, black shorts and pumps/trainers.

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>

Up and coming events: Harvest

