

Year 1 Class News



Spring Term 2024– 2025

Welcome back to another action packed term at NPA. The following newsletter will highlight everything you need to know for the Spring term.

Year One Spring Curriculum 2025

English:

We will be continuing to work on our sentences, making sure we have put capital letters and full stops in them. We will also be checking for finger spaces and correctly formed letters. As well as this, we will be adding adjectives to our sentences to make them more interesting and using **and** to make our sentences longer. We will also be using our knowledge of phonics to help with spellings and spelling common words independently. Non– Fiction will be linked to towns, local area, houses and homes and our main story will be Grandad's Island by Benji Davies.



Phonics and Reading: We will be following the Little Wandle phonics scheme. Children will have guided reading sessions matched to their phonics level at least three times a week and then bring this book home to practice at the end of the week.

Maths: In maths we will be practising basic skills and also learning about place value (within 50), addition and subtraction (within 20) and measuring length, height, mass and volume.

Science: We will be learning about plants and how to grow them as well as studying different types of trees. We will also be looking for signs of Winter and then Spring.

Geography: Our geography study this term is based around the theme of 'Nutty about Nantwich'. We will be learning all about the amazing places our town has to offer such as, the parks, swimming pool, river, St Mary's church and all the shops in town. We will also be looking back in time to what Nantwich was like in the past and looking for similarities with The Great Fire of London and the Great Fire of Nantwich in 1583.



PE: Our P.E days this term will continue to be Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be working on Fundamentals such as using equipment and using rolling, hitting, running, jumping, catching and kicking skills.

RE: This term we will be thinking about Judaism. We will also be considering the question, 'What do Christians believe God is like?'

Music: We will be learning about tempo, timbre and rhythmic patterns, through the themes of snail and mouse and fairytales.

Art: Our artwork will take inspiration from the nature and include print making using techniques such as rubbings, hand prints, prints using a plasticine mould and polystyrene tile printing.

DT: Our DT project is all about cooking and nutrition, we will be thinking about different fruits and how to prepare them to eat and making bread.

PSHCE: We will be following the 'My Happy Mind' programme to learn all about how our brains work and why we behave the way we do. We also follow the 'No outsiders' programme to learn all about inclusivity and celebrate our diversity.

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 Friday 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.

Weekly homework should also include time to work on 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 rewards. The more times your child reads the more rewards they will receive! As well as a book matched to their Phonics level, your child will also bring home a 'love to read book' to share with you.

Snack

Snack is available each day. Toast and a drink are £2.75 for the week, payable in advance on the school system. Over a 3-week rota your child may also have: a crumpet and a drink (£4 for 1 week), half a bagel and a drink (£4 for 1 week), half a teacake and a drink (£3.50 for 1 week). If you are sending in snacks from home 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. Year One P.E days are Wednesdays and Fridays. 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>