

Year 4 Class News

Summer Term 2024



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

Year 4 Summer Curriculum 2024

Theme: 'The Vikings – 'Ruthless Invaders or Peaceful Settlers?'

Our new topic is 'The Vikings and we will be diving into the past and exploring who The Vikings were and their relationship with the Anglo-Saxons. We will look at all the things they invented, how they pillaged and fought other tribes as well as where they originally came from. We will be investigating these influences in our Geography and History lessons as well as across the wider areas of the curriculum.



English:

In English, we will be reading Beowulf, an old Viking tale retold by Michael Morpurgo. This is a fantastic story which provides many writing opportunities for us to explore as we witness Beowulf's dangerous quests to defeat the terrifying Grendel. We will also be concentrating on our SPaG progress and developing our knowledge of tense, commas and continuing to focus on subordinating and coordinating conjunctions.

Guided Reading:

In Guided Reading, we will start the term by reading an extract from 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman! We will then be comparing different text types and looking at how the features differ between them. We will read playscripts, non-fiction texts, poetry and other fiction books that depict how extreme our earth is!



Maths:

We will be exploring Fractions and Decimals at the beginning of the term. We have mastered the basic skills and will be continuing to apply these to arithmetic problems regularly. We will then be looking at the wider areas of Maths including Time, Money, Shape and Statistics.

Science:

This half term, we will be looking at Electricity and investigating 'How can we control electricity?' and then moving on to exploring Animals including Humans and comparing the different ways animals and humans have developed including their skeletons and digestive systems.



PE: We are very fortunate for this half term as there are two PE sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child wears a PE kit to school on these days.

RE: We will be looking at Judaism and the different beliefs that people have. We will be looking at the importance of prayer and how different faiths pray.



Music: We will be exploring samba influences from South America and the different rhythms and pulses these have! We will also be learning some traditional Viking music and exploring their movements and repeating notes.

Art/DT: We will be exploring size and shape and trying to depict different objects from different angles as we explore perspective! In DT, we will be creating torches and taking part in Cooking with the fabulous Mrs Wright.



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 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 practised and 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 practising regularly to increase their recall and rock speed. Training in the 'Garage' area of the site can also earn virtual coins and help in gaining confidence. Here is the direct link to the website:

trockstars.com

Snack

Snacks are 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 around. If you are sending in snacks please provide a healthy choice, crisps and chocolate bars can be kept to lunchtime. A 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>