YEAR 1 NEWS

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to Year One at NPA. The following newsletter will highlight everything you need to know for the Autumn term.

BREAKTIME SNACK

Snack is available each day. There are two choices each week on a three week rota costing from 55p a day. Online payment for snack **must** be made by 1pm the Friday before each week starts. If you are sending in snacks from home, please provide a healthy choice, crisps and chocolate bars should be kept to lunchtime.

Please be mindful that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

CLASS DOJO

Our pupils work very hard each week to earn 'Dojo Points' for effort and achievement, as well as using their Learning Powers and manners, having attendance and smart uniform.

We highlight the weekly 'Dojo Masters' every Friday during our Celebration Assembly. These are pupils who have achieved the top number of Dojos in their class. They have to take a Dojo Master bow too of course!

PE KIT AND UNIFORM

Please check our Uniform Reminder for any uniform queries or speak to a member of staff. Our school uniform should be followed at all times including hair, jewellery and shoes. Information can also be found on the school website.

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.

LEARNING POWERS

Here at Nantwich Primary Academy our Learning Powers are the values we use to help us on '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 NPA News. The children also receive one of the characters to look after for the week.



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CURRICULUM

OUR THEME IS:
The Great Fire of London



ENGLISH



We will be working 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.
Non– Fiction will be linked to The Great Fire of London and our main story will be The Tiger Child by Joanna Troughton.

MATHS

In maths we will be practising basic skills and also learning about place value, addition and subtraction and shapes.

SCIENCE

We We will be learning about the properties and uses of different materials. We will also be looking for signs of Autumn.

GEOGRAPHY

As our topic is The Great Fire of London we will be looking at where London is on a map of the UK. We will also be looking at the human and physical features of London in 1666.

HISTORY

As part of our Topic we will be finding out all sorts of things about how The Fire of London started, how it spread so quickly, how they put it out and how we know about it.

We will go back in time to discover what Samuel Peyps wrote in his diary and use our own feather quills just like he did!

RE/PSHCE

This term we will be learning about God's wonderful creations. We will also explore why Christmas is important to Christians and will perform a Nativity play to entertain you nearer Christmas.

We will be following the MY HAPPY MIND programme to learn about how our brains work and all about our character strengths.

We will be using the story 'The Colour Monster' to explore our feelings and emotions.



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OVERVIEW

COMPUTING



This term we will be learning about creating images using different tools to create pictures in the style of different artists

ART/DT



Our artwork will take inspiration from the swirls that we see in the environment such as snail shells. We will be making our own spirals and swirls using chalk, pastels and creating artwork for our corridor display. Our DT will involve designing and making a stable structure and making our own pencil pots.

MUSIC

We will be keeping the pulse together through music and movement, by exploring our favourite things.



REMINDERS!

READING DIARIES

Please record how you get on when you share your 'love to read' book as well as when you read your little Wandle phonics linked reading book. You can bring your reading bag everyday to swap books and let me see how you are getting on.

PE DAYS

In Year 1, our PE days will be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Please come to school wearing your PE kit on these days, ready for action!





Reading Diaries

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 Dojo points they will receive!

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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.

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.

Ipad School

All pupils in Year 1 – 6 have their own ipad that is used as a resource to support their learning. The children record some of their work in books and some on the ipads including photos, videos and voice notes. This is a great way for us to gain evidence of your child's understanding.