

# YEAR 2 NEWS



## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to Year 2! 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.



[Read More on our website](#)

# CURRICULUM

## OUR THEME IS:

*Castles and Dragons:*  
"What secrets does Castle Street keep?"



## Maths:

Our first unit will be Place Value and we will be looking at recognising and counting up to 100.

We will be focusing on recognising the place value of different numbers and counting in tens.

We will use lots of practical resources and manipulatives to help support our learning!



## PE:



This term, our PE lessons will take place every Thursday and Friday. On Thursday our focus will be on Ball Skills and Invasion Games for the first half term. As a whole school, we have 'Fitness Fridays', so we will be taking part in additional active sessions to promote and improve our wellbeing.

## English:



In English, our class text will be "Tell me a Dragon" by Jackie Morris. We will be centered around this book, but will read a variety of dragon related texts. This will allow us to write descriptions about dragons habitats, castles and the people who live there. We will have a fantastic time!

## Reading / Phonics:



We will be focusing this term on a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts, all linked to our history theme of Castles and Dragons. We will be developing our understanding of a range of vocabulary and thinking about how characters are thinking and feeling.

Listening to your child read aloud as often as possible and asking them questions about the text will help to support them this year.



## Science:



Our first topic will be Animals including Humans and we will look at different animals habitats and which creatures are alive, dead or have never been alive. We will explore food chains and different types of microhabitats.

# OVERVIEW



## History and Geography:

We have an awesome Local Area Study with the enquiry question: What secrets does Castle Street keep?

We will learn about the Norman period in history and the events that shaped Nantwich during this time. We will explore the Battle of Hastings, the local castles and explore how it relates to our own town!



## RE:



For the first half of this term, we will be exploring Christianity. Our enquiry question will be Christians and how do they live?

The children will then go on to look at Jesus and he was important to Christians.

## PSHCE:

During PSHCE this half-term, our No Outsiders text is 'The Odd Egg'.

We will also be exploring our new unit on valuing difference and keeping safe.



## Music:



This term, we will be discussing myths and legends and seeing how they have different structures.

We will listen to different songs and then see if we can write and perform our own!

We can't wait to continue supporting your children in their journey through Primary School.

Please contact us on ClassDojo if you have any questions, queries or comments.



ClassDojo

## Times Tables Rockstar

Your child in Year 2 - 6 has an account on Times-Table Rockstars and should be practicing regularly to increase 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](https://trockstars.com)



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### 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 prizes they will receive!

## 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.

## 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.

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 ready for the weekly spelling test.

Weekly homework should also include time to work on TT Rockstars and Reading. Even 10 minutes a day will have a hugely positive impact on your child's learning.

