

YEAR 3 NEWS

WELCOME BACK!



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](#)



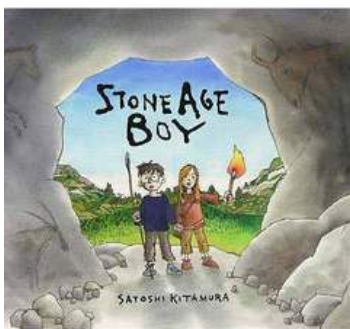
CURRICULUM

OUR THEME IS: STONE AGE to IRON AGE



This term we're travelling back in time to the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age! Our big question is: what makes the perfect place to settle?

We'll be exploring how people lived, built their homes and created communities, including fascinating places like Skara Brae.



ENGLISH

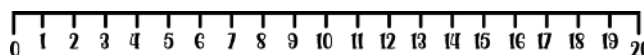
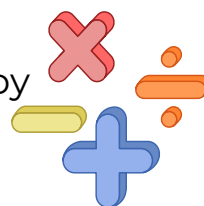
In English, we're diving into the Stone Age to Iron Age! We will be building our descriptive writing skills using them to create exciting narratives. The children will also write diary entries, as well as non-chronological reports.



Our class book will be *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura, and we'll also read **The Stolen Spear!**

MATHS

In Maths, we'll be strengthening our number skills by exploring place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We'll also be practising our times tables to become confident mathematicians!



PE



On Fridays we have our swimming lessons. And on Tuesdays our focus will be on indoor PE. Please ensure PE kits are worn on both days to school.

Art

we'll be using charcoal to make bold, expressive drawings and bring drama to our work, while also creating our own cave art from the Stone Age.

RE

Our main focus in RE will be on different ways people believe and perceive God. We'll explore various perspectives and beliefs, aiming to foster an understanding and respect for diverse spiritual views.

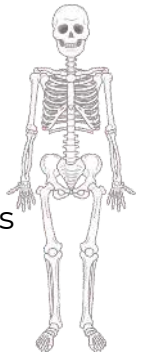
OVERVIEW



SCIENCE

Our Science focuses on bones and muscles in humans and animals, learning the functions of different bones, how muscles work and why good nutrition and a healthy diet are so important. Through hand on experiments and observations, we'll bring these ideas to life.

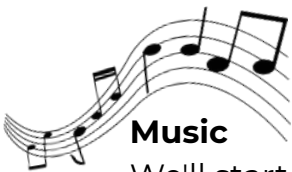
After half term, we'll move onto rocks and fossils!



History/Geography

In History, we will journey through the Stone Age to the Iron Age, exploring early communities, their tools and famous settlements such as Skara Brae, thinking about why people chose to settle there.

Geography will be woven throughout, as we study the physical features of these locations, use maps and explore climate during these fascinating eras.



Music

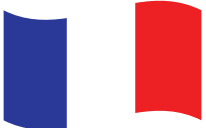
We'll start the term by exploring Ballads. The children will learn what makes a ballad unique and the elements needed to write their own compositions. We'll listen to classic ballads and dissect their structure, melody, and lyrics to understand the genre better, offering a comprehensive music education.

Guided Reading

We will be exploring a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts linked to our history theme of Stone Age to Iron Age.



The children will be developing their comprehension skills, expanding their vocabulary and deepening their understanding and fostering a love of reading through exciting and engaging texts.



French

We'll be focusing on French phonics skills and covering topics like 'I am learning' and 'animals.' The children will engage in interactive activities to practice pronunciation and vocabulary.



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



[Read More on our website](#)



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.

