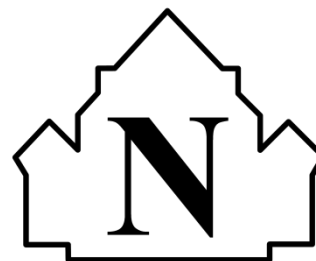


Wednesday 7th September 2022



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Year 5 (Drinnick Class) and hope you had an enjoyable Summer break. We are very much looking forward to the Autumn Term ahead.

Staff:

Our classroom staff comprise of Mrs Jago, Mrs Varney and Mrs Miskowicz. Mrs Jago will teach the class each day, however on Tuesday afternoons Mrs Jago has her PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time and this is when Mrs Miskowicz (HLTA) will join Year 5 for class cover. Mrs Varney (TA) is with Year 5 each morning, but works with Year 6 for an hour each Wednesday to Friday and completes intervention programmes during afternoon sessions.

Class Dojo:

Class Dojo will be used to give messages about things happening in our class and in school. Thank you to the parents who have already signed-up. If you are unsure of your login details or are new to our school, then please speak to Mrs Jago or the school office staff. It is important that you connect to Class Dojo because we use it for regular communication. As well as posts, you can also use the messaging facility on Class Dojo. For more information, please refer to the 'Communication – an Open Door Policy' section of this letter below (final paragraph).

Curriculum:

At Nanpean School, we follow the National Curriculum for each subject. A separate Curriculum Overview Sheet is completed for each term, and this gives more details about what our class will be covering this term.

PE:

Drinnick Class will have PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. On these days, children can still wear their PE kit to school. PE kit must consist of:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Black tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with pen).

Outdoor Learning:

Outdoor Learning is part of the weekly timetable for each class as this is proven to support childrens mental health and wellbeing, while it also provides opportunities for learning to be taken outside. Our Class Outdoor Learning session will vary each week depending on which subject we are doing outside. This will be communicated with you in advance via Class Dojo. On these days, please make sure that your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear due to the wet and/or muddy conditions. Please make sure these are labelled with your childs name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Reading Comprehension sessions. There will also be an opportunity for children on **Accelerated Reader (AR)** to quiz (maximum of 3 quizzes per week) at school, but children can also quiz at home by following this link:

<https://ukhosted47.renlearn.co.uk/2234793/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3SQLFnOLwmdca/wK5MR9TG0CZ1qv0cCeii3ImZouqksDHLiEE99hy-sP6w>

Pupils will have a library slot on Tuesday afternoons where they can select a book to bring home that they can read for pleasure and also record these reads in their reading records. New books cannot be taken from the library until the previous book has been returned, so please make sure pupils bring their library book to school on a Tuesday.

Reading records will be checked on a Monday. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

In addition to reading 5 times a week, children will also be set spellings to practise on the 'Spelling Shed' website: <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login> These spellings are the same as the ones we are learning in class and will be shared on Class Dojo as part of our Monday post. We also have a subscription to Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> Children are familiar with these websites from their use in school and these can also be used at home, if your child wishes to do so. The more children practise multiplication facts, the more likely they are to retain and increase their rapid recall of times tables. Since these facts impact several strands of Maths learning, we would strongly recommend that regular, consistent practise takes place at home. Your childs login details are in their reading record book. There is no set amount of time that you must spend on this outside of school, but little and often will be of **huge** benefit and support your childs learning.

Age-Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder, we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend no more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen (TV / PC / Laptop / Tablet / Smartphone, etc...).



Communication – an 'Open Door' Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in our class. The class teacher will greet the children at the door each morning and the teaching assistant will dismiss at the end of the day where quick messages can be given. You can also use the messaging facility on Class Dojo, as this is a private conversation between the class teacher and the child's parent. However, please be aware that Class Dojo messages are not always checked every day. Therefore, urgent things that need our attention should be shared with us on the door or via the office if you are unable to speak with the class teacher before 9am. At 9am it is important that our class teachers return to the classroom promptly in order to begin the lessons for the day. If you need to discuss something with us which requires more time, please speak to the office who will contact us to help make an appointment together.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jago, Mrs Varney and Mrs Miskowicz
Drinnick Class Team (Year 5)

