



Primary P5,6 & 7 Newsletter: Term 4 2020-2021

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Welcome to our termly "Class Newsletter" which aims to give you a little more information about what your child will be doing this term.

Welcome to Term 4

Unbelievably, we have made it to the fourth term of what has been a particularly challenging year. I hope you all managed to have a fantastic break and are looking forward to the learning journey we will be taking over the next few weeks.

Personally, I am very excited to have the opportunity to complete the whole year with the class and will aim to offer any help and support I can to ensure this is a success.

During the first week back we enjoyed taking our Maths learning outdoors, discovering shape, position and movement. The class thrived on exploring the shapes in our environment, creating intriguing symmetrical patterns on clay and bamboozling their colleagues with their knowledge of coordinates. Lots of fun was had by all.

As a result of the "amazing" weather we have at this time of the year I aim to take the opportunity to provide outdoor learning as much as possible. Please ensure the children have suitable clothing and shoes to allow them to enjoy this experience, with appropriate sun protection if required.

Primary 7 Leaver's Book

Despite being another tricky year, I aim to support the P7's in completing their year book to provide a fantastic souvenir of their time at Auchnagatt. This requires whole class involvement which has been great and despite missing out on school trips this year, we even made it to Paris for the day!

Spelling: This continues to be a primary focus on most days of the week and although we had suspended the homework element of this, I aim to start this up again. We are still receiving good results at the end of the week, however we still need to work on the accuracy on some of the trickier words.

Maths/Numeracy: After the fun of shape, position and movement, we are now focussing on a "marmite" topic of algebra. Some of the class have loved the challenge of this so far, while others are not so sure. Following on from this we will be exploring angles and coordinates further. As ever, please make this as practical as possible at home to ensure it becomes relevant. Why not hide things around the house and provide a map to find these items?

Writing: Our writing this term will focus on consolidation of the work we have completed previously, while looking at different forms of poetry. As with the home learning I will be encouraging the class to gain confidence in checking their work before handing it in, to gain ownership of their own efforts. This could be as simple as checking for missing full stops and capital letters or considering alternative vocabulary to engage the reader.

Languages: Just a reminder of the Northern Alliance Languages Family Learning site highlighted last term: [Family Learning \(google.com\)](https://www.familylearning.com)

Topic: Our topic this term is "Food," a particular interest of mine. The class have already commenced a project creating their own breakfast cereals with a brief to advertise this based on the free stuff, or based on its nutritional benefits. I will look forward to hearing their "Grrrreaaat" ideas! Linking in with the topic, Mrs Johnston will be taking the class on a journey of "Foodscapes" with Carl Warner. Who would have thought you could make some amazing pictures with food?

History: The class have started exploring Scottish Castles and the amazing stories that this creates.

Other Activities: Despite all of the usual activities, there will also be a number of other opportunities for the class to enjoy throughout the term:

Scottish Opera – A series of 4 live classes where we will be creating a song cycle with a number of other schools in the cluster. The first of these sessions commences on 28th April.

Bikeability – Towards the end of this term I will be taking the class through their bike ability skills, which will probably be run as a block session over one of the weeks. Watch this space for more information.

Finally, please let me know if you have any queries and I will be happy to answer these for you. Take Care, Mr Redpath.