



Primary P5,6 & 7 Newsletter: Term 1 2021-2022

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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 1

A very warm welcome back to the fun and adventures of the upper class at Auchnagatt School. I am very excited to meet a whole new cohort of students moving up from Primary 4, while watching the P5's and P6's grow into fantastic role models.

The first week back has been spent embedding the new class routines, including the creation of our class charter. The message we are focussing on this year is that "We're all in this together!" This will be shared on Google Classroom for you to check out also.

As the term progresses, we are very hopeful that the school will be allowed to mix out with their bubbles and ensure that full school collaboration can take place. I believe this has been area that has sadly been missing and I will look forward to this being introduced in the future.

During the first week I commenced the "Daily Mile" initiative with the class to help improve our physical and mental wellbeing. This has been met with some excitement and perhaps trepidation, however I hope this will become a successful addition to our class timetable. Please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing and footwear to allow them to enjoy the experience.

Welcome back once more and please let me know if you have any queries.

Maths/Numeracy: The focus for our Maths this term will concern number and place value, consolidating on previous knowledge to form the basis of our learning throughout the year. This will be achieved through class based lessons and outdoor activities to ensure a variety of learning. Feel free to empty the penny jar to provide practical examples to support the understanding of this. We will also be improving our timetables recall through regular "Daily Ten" online practise.

Writing: Following on from a fantastic trip to the "Aden Dig" our writing this term will initially focus on the features of a recount, providing an intriguing recap of the events that took place. This will continue with a newspaper report of the great discovery that took place. A secret underground bunker? The biggest diamond? Traces of dinosaurs? I can't wait to find out! The biggest challenge in our writing is the accuracy, which I will be encouraging an improvement on throughout the session. From remembering basic punctuation to having the confidence to edit your own work I will look forward to seeing the results.

Spelling: This will be a daily activity undertaken within the class to ensure successful results at the end of the week. As you are aware this is also being sent home as a homework activity to further consolidate their knowledge. Please pop a comment on Google Classroom to let me know how this is working for you.

Topic: The topic we are focussing on this term is Art, with a particular emphasis on four artists, Picasso, Dali, Tatsuya Tanaka and Charles Rennie Mackintosh. I am sure you will agree we have chosen four very different artists, unique in their own right. I will look forward to seeing how the budding artists in the class can interpret and recreate some of our chosen masterpieces.

Physical Education: A big passion of mine and one on which I aim to continue throughout the session, taking advantage of the "better" weather at this time of the year. The focus will be on ball skills, which can be transferred into a number of other activities we will progress onto as the term continues.

Languages: While there may not be a focus on languages this term, please feel free to access the Northern Alliance Family Learning site to support any future learning on this:

<https://sites.google.com/view/northern-alliance-languages-fa/home>

Other Activities: Mrs Johnston will continue to support the class with a variety of fascinating lessons throughout the year. Initially there will be a focus on Buddhism and the fascinating cultural beliefs that this offers.

There will also be an emphasis on outdoor Art experiences using the natural world to create interesting artistic interpretations.

Take Care. Mr Redpath