



Primary 4/5 Newsletter: Term 1

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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	Homework	This term we aim to...
<p>Hello and welcome back to Achnagatt primary 4/5! From the sounds of it, you've all had a busy summer break; the children are full of exciting tales of their summer adventures!</p> <p>Week one was devoted to "Learning to Learn". This is a special week designed to support learners with settling back into the school routine. We spend time discussing our class routines, how we'd like our classroom environment to feel, and how we expect others (and ourselves!) to behave. Aligned to the UNCRC Rights of the Child, we Created our Class Charter together. It's linked to our school Behaviour Policy and we use it throughout the year to remind us of our commitment to ourselves and each other to do our best.</p> <p>The children also discussed what class jobs they thought were important and these have been allocated. Children will have the opportunity to experience them all on a rota basis. We are now operating our own in-class library too, so Mrs Crawford came to deliver some training to our young librarians.</p>	<p>Homework jotters have been sent home this week and include this term's spelling words for all the children. Please ensure brief, regular practice (daily is preferable), at home during the week. Children should write each word twice in their neatest handwriting before choosing one of the tasks on the grid (you'll find this stuck inside the front page of the jotter).</p> <p>Group Readers will be issued later in the term along with reading homework, but for now, children should enjoy reading something of their choice at home.</p> <p>Maths homework will be issued from Monday next week (WB 5th September) and will consist of a range of written activities and online games.</p> <p>Written homework should be submitted to the relevant Google Classroom assignment by Friday of each week unless otherwise stated. Please see homework diaries for information on this.</p>	<p>Our topic for term one is Democracy. We've found out a little about what this word means and where we find democracy in our society. The children have been investigating the main Scottish Political parties this week too, to get a flavour of how we are represented by Government. We'll be working on a collaborative project with the 6/7 class too.</p> <p>For maths this term we are focusing on place value and the number system. The children will develop skills in partitioning numbers, identifying the value of digits and will explore the importance of zero as a place holder. Learners will be able to order and compare numbers using correct mathematical symbols. The primary 5s will begin to consider decimal fractions as part of the number system too. Mrs Thomson will be teaching practical maths during the year, beginning with directions and angles in Term one.</p> <p>In literacy, the children have resumed their spelling programmes. Primary 4 pupils on the Active Literacy programme will shortly conclude Stage 3 and progress to</p>

Mrs Johnston /Mrs Robertson

	Brain Games	Music	Drama
Mon	*		
Tues			
Wed		*	
Thurs			*
Fri			

Timetable

	P.E	Spelling H / W	Mrs Thomson
Mon		*	
Tues			
Wed			
Thurs	*		*(alternate weeks)
Fri			*

Please note that children will have daily physical exercise in addition to their weekly taught PE session which, this term, is focused on ball skills.

Stage 4 after the October break. I will provide further information about this at the time. Children will continue to develop their skills practising a range of familiar tasks.

As our Class Novel this term, we are enjoying Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach. We'll read the story together and complete a range of comprehension activities to support the progression of reading skills. Mrs Robertson will lead the class in practising some drama alongside the novel too.

Weekly extended writing will continue to offer the children a range of writing experiences. We've started with an informative piece about Learning to Learn week. Opportunities for creative, functional and persuasive writing are planned across Term 1. Children will be shown examples of different texts, identify their distinct features and understand the purpose of each whether it's to entertain, inform or persuade.

PE

Many children have already brought PE kit to school but those who haven't, please send appropriate clothing (including footwear) for outdoor PE in a bag to remain in school.

French –

We are continuing with our learning in French and as we order our lunches each day the children are becoming increasingly familiar with the vocabulary associated with food and eating. We'll also be revising some basics this term including greetings and salutations, asking someone's name and the alphabet. Please also remember the [Northern Alliance Family Learning](#) languages site which is full of fun and engaging family activities and games. There are several languages to choose from including Gaelic, German and French. Have fun!

		<p>Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. I look forward to seeing you soon, but please do get in touch through the usual channels should you have any queries. My Glow email is best (gw17mckerrowsarah@glow.sch.uk), but urgent enquiries should be directed to the school office.</p> <p>Best Regards, Mrs McKerrow and Mrs Thomson.</p>
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