



Primary P5/6/7 Newsletter: Term 1 2023-2024

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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

Welcome back to another fantastic year at our school, Auchnagatt, where we hope to achieve some super learning and overcome any challenges we face. I am particularly excited to welcome some new faces to the upper school as we become a Primary 5, 6 and 7!

The term started at 100mph once more with our Learning to Learn Week, introducing the class routines, identifying our own unique learning styles with the "VAK" questionnaire and creating our class charter. The theme this year is around jigsaw puzzles and how we all join together to make a successful team! I hope you agree that this is what makes Auchnagatt special.

As the term progresses we will be introducing our topic of "Our Planet" exploring everything from endangered animals to the lifecycles of plants and animals. I am sure this will be a fascinating topic, which I am sure will provoke interesting discussions.

Throughout the term we will aim to be outside as much as possible, so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear.

Maths/Numeracy: Throughout this term we will be introducing the concept of place value and how it underpins many of the Mathematical topics we will be exploring this year. As ever we will aim to make it as practical as possible with money always a good tool to aid this development. Please feel free to work with your child at home using any spare coins to discuss the costs of things and the spare change you may receive. Please check out the below link as a fun game to investigate:

[Number Differences \(maths.org\)](https://www.maths.org)

Writing: During our first week back the class completed a small piece of writing using the 5 W's to inspire some interesting work. I will use this to identify areas of development to use in future tasks. The focus will be on accuracy and for each child to be confident in handing in a piece of work knowing it has been checked and that they are proud of their efforts.

Spelling: A major focus each week with daily tasks supporting the learning. Please encourage your child to spend time most evenings practising their words and uploading a piece of work onto the Google

Classroom as evidence of this. Please let me know if there are any questions on this.

Topic: Our topic this term is "Our Planet" exploring the lifecycles of plants and animals, creating a conservation area and discussing the problems facing endangered animals. This will be a practical topic, so it will be fun discovering what we can produce.

Physical Education: The aim will be to utilise the "better" weather at this time of year to work on our ball skills and exploring a number of games that we can include at this time.

Languages: As well as our daily focus on doing the date in both Mandarin and French, we will be continuing on our French journey this term. Please use the below link to practise at home when you have spare time.

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

Other Activities: Mrs Johnson, our Charanga expert, will be working on music with the class as well as our visitor Mr Watt who is working on an iPad musical project.
Please let me know if any queries. Mr R