

# Alnwick Castle Class Newsletter Summer

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our newsletter for the first half of our Summer Term. We will continue to post information and daily tasks on Google Classroom and interact via Tapestry. Please also remember the website has lots of other useful information too ([www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk)).

The topic focus for this half term is **The Great Outdoors**.

Here are some ideas for home-learning activities:

What is man-made and what is natural? Out on your daily walk, take photos of different features of your local area- trees, signs, roads, fields- and make a list of which are man-made and which are part of the natural world.	What improvements would you make to the local environment? Why? Draw or build a model and write about these improvements.
What sort of area do you live in? Discuss the difference between rural and built-up areas. Can you make a map of your local area and include key landmarks? Look at Newcastle on google maps- how is a city different to where you live?	How many of these everyday materials can you spot around the house or on your daily walk and what is their purpose? Look for wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock. How could you sort these items?
How has the local area changed over time? Research the history of the local area to find out what has stayed the same, and what has changed.	What changes have you noticed outside during the months of March and April? What season are in and how do you know? Can you draw a Spring landscape- what will it need to include?