

Gwyrdd Spring Newsletter 2022



Happy New Year -
Blwyddyn Newydd
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Weekly Routines

Reading Books

Reading books will continue to be given out on Fridays. Please encourage your child to change their reading book every week. We also practise our group and independent reading skills throughout the week during our Guided Reading sessions.

PE Lessons

Every Wednesday - warm, outdoor P.E. kit needed.

Homework

Allocated through Dojo every Friday.

Supporting your child at home

Please help your child to learn the multiplication tables. Learning multiplication and division facts for instant recall will benefit them greatly during lessons.

Please endeavour to share daily reading time with your child (for at least 10 minutes). You could read together, read to your child or listen to them read. Discuss the content or simply enjoy the story together!

Pupils have log in details for Hwb, Giglets (English) and Abacus (Maths). These online platforms offer a range activities and resources to support your child's learning.

Curriculum

Mathematics and Numeracy

We will continue to use a range of resources from our Fast Forward Maths and Abacus schemes. These aim to accelerate pupils' mathematical skills and provide them with authentic contexts in which to develop their knowledge of the number system.

Language, Literacy and Communication

Our main focus this half-term will be on creating play-scripts and developing our awareness of a range of persuasive techniques to use in our writing. During our Eisteddfod, pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their oracy skills too.

Welsh

Our Welsh topic this term is 'Y Dref'. This will allow pupils to develop vocabulary related to their local vicinity.

Rich Tasks and Investigations

This term we are undertaking short-term investigations inspired by a range of texts under the concept of 'Belonging'. We aim to cover the full range of Areas of Learning to ensure a rich and stimulating curriculum.

The first texts we will focus on are 'We Are All Different' and 'All Are Welcome'. The pupils have already played an active role in deciding what they wish to learn. During their pupil voice session, they suggested that we learn about each other's families, their places of origin and about the languages spoken and cultural traditions from these places. We will also focus locally, in the build-up to our Eisteddfod by providing plenty of opportunities for pupils to learn about the rich, cultural heritage that we are lucky to have here in Wales.

Health and Wellbeing

During our P.E. lessons, we will be practising some competitive sports outdoors. During these sessions, pupils will develop their skills in Rugby (with Rhondda Rugby) and netball. Our PSHE topic this term is 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Behaviour

We have launched a 'Good to Be Green' focus in school that aims to promote positive behaviours and celebrate those pupils who always strive to do their best. It also offers some guidance and support for those that require it. Dojo Points will continue to be given as a reward throughout the day and will be reset daily.