

Indigo Autumn Newsletter 2023



Welcome everyone! Croeso pawb!
This year Dosbarth Indigo is 30 pupils strong from year 3. We have Mr Wrangham (Class Teacher) Miss Richards (Class Support) and Ashley (SNSA – 1:1). We can't wait to enjoy our learning Journey together.

Weekly Routines

Reading Books

Your child will be allocated a reading day and we would like them to return their book each week to change for a new one

PE Lessons

Monday is our outdoor PE slot - I advise longer trousers and a jacket for winter
Friday is indoor PE - Pupils might want to wear shorts or leggings. In an effort to save time Pupils are permitted to wear PE clothing to school.

How to support your child at home

Learn multiplication tables. Learn multiplication and division facts for instant recall.

Share reading with your child for at least 10 minutes daily. Read together, read to your child or listen to them read.

Pupils have log in details for Hwb, Gigglets (English) Language Nut (modern and foreign Language) Abacus (Maths). These websites offer a range of supporting activities and resources.

Curriculum

Mathematics and Numeracy

We will continue to use a range of resources from our 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. Initially we will look at number and place value to establish the principles of calculation.

Language, Literacy and Communication

Our inspiration will come from traditional tales. Our guided reading sessions will take us on a journey with the Wind in the Willows and we will develop our classes basic skills in spelling and reading.

Welsh and MFL

Y Tywydd will be the focus of our first half term. We will also begin our French sessions which are always Tres Bien!

Rich Tasks and Investigations

Get your wellies on and let's wade right in!

This term, we'll visit a local river to find out what lives there, where the river is going and how fast it's travelling. At the river, we'll learn about how it moves and what people have used rivers for. Using our creativity, we'll write recounts as river travellers and journey on an imaginary boat to rivers around the world. We'll make working models of water wheels, investigate the water cycle and use natural materials to make models that demonstrate river formation. Our descriptive river poetry will capture the movement of water, and we'll mix watercolours to create beautiful paintings in art. Our map reading and research skills will help us to find out about world famous rivers. In PE, we'll play team games to 'cross the river' in the hall without falling in! Our aim will be to educate people on the reasons why rivers are still so important and how we can protect them.

Health and Wellbeing

There remains a heavy focus on pupil wellbeing as we continue to run daily check ins and conduct regular circle time activities for our pupils to develop empathy and self confidence.

Behaviour

We have launched a Good to Be Green focus in school that aims to promote and celebrate pupils who always do their best whilst offering some guidance and support should pupils require it. Dojo Points will continue to be the reward system for the class.

Homework

We aim to set engaging tasks whenever necessary to enhance learning and engagement. These will generally fall around half terms and give pupils time to complete a task at home.