

Indigo Spring Newsletter 2023



Happy New Year!
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!
Feliz Ano Novo!
Szczesliwego Nowego Roku!
Shchaslyvoho Novoho Roku!

Weekly Routines

Reading Books - Please return your book bag with book and record book on the day written on the front of the yellow record book.

PE Lessons - Monday Fit 4 Fun PE kit to school - white T shirt, dark coloured joggers and trainers, jumper or coat if it is cold for outdoor PE.

Thursday Swimming at Ystrad Sports Centre. Pupils will need swimming costume, towel, goggles (optional swimming cap). There is no need for money for lockers. Some pupils might want an extra healthy snack for when they return.

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, Giglets (English) and Abacus. These websites offer a range of supporting activities and resources and we encourage pupils to engage with these activities to help revise. New this term will be our Language Nut programme to support our learning of French! Codes and passwords will be shared this term.

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. We have particularly focused on [embedding pupils understanding of place value](#). As well as encouraging pupils to talk about patterns and what they notice about [numbers/sequences](#)

Language, Literacy and Communication lead our Rich Tasks and Investigations

The term will focus on Stories, Signs and Symbols. This first have term we will consider What is a myth? What is a legend? Explore these questions and more in this special project about the magic and mystery of Wales and the historical Mabinogion stories. In this project, children will explore:

- the difference between a myth and a legend
- traditional Welsh myths and legends and engage with them through dramatic interpretations and recordings
- how to write a myth or legend taking inspiration from the Mab Trail in Pontypridd.

Our second half term will then explore the many different cultures and groups that have unique stories of their own. We in Wales identify with so many signs and symbols, but what do the rest of the world hold dear? We hope to visit Treorchy Comprehensive school to learn about their support of the LGBTQ+ community as well as study the diversity of cultural beliefs in Wales and across the globe.

Health and Wellbeing

We will support pupils with our daily check in sessions and circle time. We will discuss setting goals and how we can overcome obstacles in pursuit of our objectives.

Welsh/MFL

Our focus will be on Yn y Dref - Identifying and naming landmarks and places you might see in towns and cities across the world. We will also be introducing French vocabulary to our timetable, initially we will start with basic greetings and identification before practicing more structured sentence work.

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.