

Dosbarth Indigo - Autumn Newsletter 2022



Croeso noll! Welcome back!
It is so good to welcome all the pupils back for another year of learning and experiences together with myself, Mr Wrangham, Miss Cross and Miss Rowlands.

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

Friday Indoor PE

Please can pupils bring PE kit to school - white T shirt, dark coloured joggers and trainers, jumper or coat if it is cold for outdoor PE. Diolch.

How to support your child at home

Counting - forwards and backwards. Counting is 1's and 10s.

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

Please use the letter formation sheets on our website class page to promote the correct formation.

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.

Curriculum

Project - How Green is our Valley?

In the Pits and Ponies project, children will visit a mining museum and see where generations of coal miners worked. Back in the classroom, they'll use computer software to import videos and photos to accompany a written account of their experience. They'll find out more about child labourers, mining disasters and coal formation. Ordnance Survey maps will help them to identify mines in their local area, and they'll complete a coal production spreadsheet, creating graphs and charts from the data. They'll use drama techniques to create different mining scenes and write imaginative poems and stories. A special visitor will share their knowledge of pit ponies and they'll learn traditional folk songs and poems about the mines. They'll debate the need for miners' strikes and role play the conscription of 'Bevin Boys' during the Second World War. At the end of the project, they'll learn about the impact of the mining industry on Wales and consider how alternative energy sources have cut the demand for coal.

Mathematics and Numeracy

We will continue to use a range of resources from our Abacus Maths. 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

We will engage with a vast array of genres related to our Project that will include biography writing, recounts and reports and poetry. This term we will also engage with Modern and Foreign languages to broaden the pupils' appreciation of multiculturalism and how we communicate and express ourselves.

Welsh

Our Welsh scheme continues to be taken from CSC and will focus on Gwersylla - Camping. We will also continue to use helpwr heddiw sessions.

Behaviour

Good to be Green remains our positive behaviour reinforcement in class and should pupils persist with undesirable behaviour I will make contact through Dojo or at the school gate to discuss any matters that have arisen.

This term we have an ongoing Dojo points reward system that encourages positive behaviour rather than on the prize based rewards from last year. A copy of the incentives will be visible on our class webpage.

If you have any questions or queries about any aspect of the curriculum, please don't hesitate to contact me.