

Term 1

Dosbarth Pwll Du



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We are very excited to see all the children again, hear their laughter and catch up with their news. I'm sure after only one day it will seem like they've never been away and we will get be able to start the year with a new 'normal'. Our new topic this term is 'Meet the artist' which is a fun filled, hands on

Health and Wellbeing

We will be...

- Learning about having a Growth Mind-set
- Taking part in Mindfulness activities and opportunities for reflection
- Teambuilding activities
- When reading our class book we will address issues such as moral dilemmas, judging people based on appearance, friendships, gender inequality, values.
- Taking part in weekly PE lessons (**on a Wednesday, children to wear P.E clothes to school**)
- looking at how to stay safe online when exchanging and sharing information.
- Learning about 'The Rights of the Child'



Mathematical Development

We will be...

- Recapping previously taught addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies
- Developing our understanding of place value and linking it to money
- Developing addition and subtraction strategies
- Measurement – length and perimeter
- Extending our knowledge of multiplication and division



Language, Literacy and Communication

We will be...

Speaking and listening

- Asking and answering questions
- Retelling stories, summarising and sequencing, making predictions
- Sharing opinions – Is Graffiti vandalism or art?

Reading

- Listening and responding to whole class novels, our first being 'The girl who stole an elephant'. It would be beneficial, although not essential, for pupils to purchase their own copy of the book to use in class over the Autumn Term.
- Taking part in whole class reading sessions and follow on activities linked to the text
- Individual reading with an adult / independent

Writing

- Take part in a poetry competition (Firefly press - Day Dreams and Jellybeans)
- Take part in a project with local artist Tom Maloney (Writing a Welsh folk story)
- Write a biography about a famous music artist
- Writing a story based on a classic 1960s song.
- Script writing- link to theatre/musicals
- Rewrite the lyrics to Penny Lane to reflect our local area (Curriculum Cymraeg)

topic which I'm sure the children will love.

Humanities

We will be...

- learning about Buddhism; the life of Buddha and how he tried to be happy and stay happy
- Create a timeline of music from the 20th century
- Appraise different music genres
- Create a database of artists from the 60s (number of top ten hits, number of copies sold, etc.) Make Top Trump cards

Expressive Arts

We will be...

- Discuss the work of Banksy and his political meaning behind several of his pieces
- Create our own Graffiti style art
- Create a dance to Rock and Roll music
- Compose a piece of music using Chrome Music Lab
- Collaborate with Rhiannon Roberts to produce a mural that reflects our cultural heritage.
- Write and perform poetry.

Science and Technology

We will be...

- Using ICT to research our dream job and writing and sending an e-mail to someone in that job!
- Recap on the 5 senses
- Focus on listening – how the ear works, label parts of the ear, etc.
- How does sound travel?
- Sound Waves
- Investigation- What is the best material to soundproof a music studio.
- Using a range of ICT to publish our work

Homework and Home Reading

- Homework will be set on Teams and children can access this as they did during the summer term. They need their HWB login details. Please let me know if you need these sent home again.
- Homework will be marked and children can see their feedback via Teams.
- Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to send home reading books. Please, please, please read anything you can with your child.



Reminders

- We are unable to sell tuck in school at the moment so please send a healthy snack / piece of fruit in each day for your child to enjoy at break time.
- Children must have their own drinks bottle in school.
- Please do not send your child in with pencil cases or any personal items, this includes football and sports equipment.
- **Children to wear PE kit suitable for outdoor PE every Wednesday.**

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