
Term 1

Dosbarth Bae-Caswellt

Dear all,

We have loved welcoming the children back to school this week. It has been amazing getting to know them and helping them transition from Foundation Phase to Key Stage 2. They have settled well despite the many changes, and we are looking forward to an exciting first term. Our theme for Term 1 is **Inside Out!** As always, we will implement the children's interests and questions into our lessons; so you may hear them talking about something we may not have planned.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be...

- Taking part in SEAL lessons (Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning)
- Taking part in PE lessons twice a week (**PE clothes to be worn to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays**).
- Taking part in weekly Forest School experiences (**Every Wednesday, children to wear suitable clothing to school and bring wellies**).
- Learning about how and why emotions change
- Learning about how we can express our emotions and who we can express them to.

Mathematics and Numeracy

We will be...

- Developing an understanding of place value
- Reading and writing numbers up to 1000 (and beyond).
- Counting in equal steps
- Practicing our times tables (2, 5, 10) and then moving onto our 3x and 4x tables
- Estimating answers
- Developing our addition and subtraction strategies

Language, Literacy, and Communication

We will be...

Speaking and Listening

- Asking and answering questions
- Retelling stories and making predictions
- Taking part in group discussions

Reading

- Listening to the whole class novels, starting with "Charlie Changes into a Chicken" by Sam Copeland
- Reading 1:1
- Complete weekly reading comprehensions and quizzes based on our class novels or current affairs
- Reviewing books we have read/listened to

Writing

- Writing letters to our future selves
- Writing letters to school pupils from the past
- Writing an acrostic poem
- Taking part in "No Nonsense Spelling"

Welsh Language Development

- Asking and answering simple questions
- Copying simple words and learning words to fluency
- Following a Welsh story map

Expressive Arts

We will be...

- Creating self-portraits
- Creating word walls / mosaics of ourselves
- Creating healthy food plates from play dough
- Performing short plays on how to manage our emotions
- Creating expressive Path of Life maps for the past and the future

Science & Technology

We will be...

- Learning about the human body, including bones and the functions of organs
- Learning about how we can keep our minds and bodies healthy
- Learning about how we can stay safe and protected online
- Using a range of ICT to create and publish our work

Humanities

We will be...

- Discussing where we come from and creating Path of Life maps
- Learning about local history and the differences between the past and present
- Learning about Diwali, it's importance and how it is celebrated.

Homework and Home Reading

- Homework will be set on Teams and pupils can access this through their HWB login details. These will be sent home soon.
- Homework will be marked, and children can see their feedback via Teams
- Currently, pupils will not be sent home with individual reading books. We **highly** encourage you to read anything you can with your child, discussing with them and supporting them to predict what might happen in the story. Being exposed to text (even through simple things, e.g. subtitles while watching TV) can be extremely beneficial to the literary development of your child.

Reminders

- School will provide healthy tuck options to pupils for the cost of £1.50 per week. If you are sending your children in with tuck, please remember Cwmffrwdor is a **nut-free** school, and we also encourage you to provide your child with healthy snacks.
- Children must have their own drink bottles in school.
- **Children to wear PE kit suitable for outdoor PE every Tuesday and Thursday**
- **Children to wear suitable clothes for Forest Schools every Wednesday. Children must have a waterproof coat and bring wellies to school to change into.**
- There is a "Meet the Teacher" drop-in session from 15:20 – 16:00 on **Tuesday 14th September** if you would like to meet your child's new teachers.

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We hope your child enjoyed the first week back and we look forward to an amazing first term,
Mr. Candy and Miss. Lewis