

Autumn Term 1

Dosbarth Ogmore

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, we hope that all of your children are settling in well with the new reception classroom.

As you may be aware, in Dosbarth Ogmore we learn through exciting play based opportunities alongside activities in work books. We follow themes throughout the year but we aim to follow children's interests as far as possible. We are currently following the overall theme of Magnificent me.

For the first half term we will be carrying out the baseline assessments on all pupils through stages of play and focused activities.

We will continue to introduce children to mathematical and literacy skills in line with their stage of development. They will be learning new Welsh songs and language patterns throughout the term.

Below is an outline of our planned experiences. However, as always, we have left time to go with the children's ideas and interests.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be...

- Introducing our daily routine and class rules.
- taking part in taking part in SEAL lessons themed 'New Beginnings'
- identifying our own feelings
- identifying other people's feelings
- taking part in the 'Daily Mile'
- thinking about healthy food and healthy lifestyle
- continuing to learn about 'The Rights of the Child' and having a right of the month to focus on.

Language, Literacy and Communication

We will be...

- Joining in with our Jolly Phonics song and rhymes
- Learning 4 new phonics a week
- Develop our listening skills
- Listening to and identify sounds around us.
- Follow instructions
- Use new vocabulary throughout our play and activities
- Play alongside others
- Imitate real-life and imaginary experiences in role-play and symbolic play
- Listen to a range of stories and respond appropriately
- Make meaningful marks using a variety of materials
- Use scribbles, shapes or pictures to express a sentence
- Practicing our letter formations
- Practicing pencil control

Humanities

We will be learning about...

- The Discovery R.E theme of Special People that focuses on key questions and experiences. **Key Question:** What makes people special?
- Thinking about what makes people special (linked to Christianity and Judaism)
- We will be talking about 'Where do I live?'
- Harvest festival

Homework and Home Reading

- Please read stories – hearing new vocabulary is amazing for aiding learning
- Look out for some high frequency words coming home, practice reading these until the children know the words by sight
- Look for and talk about numbers and shapes all around you
- Talk to the children about what you've done in a day and ask about theirs
- Encourage children to ask questions

Expressive Arts

We will be...

- Creating Self portraits
- Create faces with natural materials
- Exploring different materials and textures
- Colour mixing
- Pumpkin art

Mathematical Development

We will be...

- Joining in with number song and rhyme.
- Reciting numbers in order, forwards and backwards
- Counting objects accurately
- Recognising numerals and begin to use marks to represent them
- Recognise more and less in play situations
- Learn the value of each number
- Counting sets of numbers
- Practicing number formation
- Practicing mathematics skills through play independently.

Science and Technology

We will be...

- Learning about parts of the body
- Exploring senses
- Block play of 'my house'
- Construct my face (bricks)
- How I have changed since being born

Reminders

- PE days are Monday and Wednesday. PE kits in to school - jumpers and joggers/ leggings if colder.
- Our Forest school day is on a Tuesday. Please send wellies and waterproofs on the day. Children will then wear them home.
- Please can all bags and clothing be clearly labelled.
- Can all children bring in a drinks bottle to have throughout the day.
- Pupils should not be wearing jewellery to school. If pupils have pierced ears please ensure they are wearing studs.
- Class tuck is for sale for £1.50 per week and offers pupils a chance to try a range of healthy snacks, alternatively, pupils are welcome to bring in a healthy snack to have in the morning
- Please remember to cut up any grapes or small fruit.
- Lunch to order is £2:30 per day and is paid online.
- We ask that pupils **DO NOT** bring unnecessary items to school at this time.
- Follow us on Twitter [@MrMcDonnellCwmf](#) & [@CwmffmissWells](#) to keep up to date with our adventures.

Teacher- Mr R McDonnell

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Structure of our school day.

8:50 – 9:10am morning routines, register, phonics / number songs

9:10 – 10:30am structured play with focused tasks in groups

10:30 – 10:45am Assembly

11:50 – 1pm dinner time

1:00 – 1:20pm afternoon routine, register, number / phonics songs

1:20 – 2:50pm structured play with focus activities

2:50 – 3:00pm tidy up time

3:00 – 3:10pm reading a story

3:10pm home time