



### Welcome back!

Happy new year and welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> school term. We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas holidays and had a chance to relax.

### Theme

Like last term, instead of choosing a class theme, we'll be looking at a broad question. Then, during the term, we'll be looking at different themes within this question. Our question for this term is, 'How things work?' During the theme we'll be looking at the technology and scientific side mainly by looking at smaller questions such as 'how does electricity work?', 'how does the solar system work?', 'how does gravity work?', 'how does a drawbridge work?' and many more.

The parent's voice plan will be handed out for you and your child to share ideas about tasks/activities/smaller questions we could do in school. We'd appreciate as much responses as possible back please. The last theme we received a lot of ideas back and we really appreciate this. During this term, there will be opportunities for the children to show which ideas has been used in school. If you have any contacts with anyone that could offer something to do with the theme, please note this down in the plan.

### Reading

Reading sessions will be held on a daily basis, I'll be reading with every individual during the week. We'll be focusing on reading and understanding different texts the check they understand what they're reading. We encourage the kids to read consistently at home. We ask kindly that you read with your child daily and jot down notes in their reading journal. Could you please encourage them to bring it back once they've finished with their book. This can be after they've finished a chapter / few pages or whole book. Here are some useful links to help develop their reading skills online:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/search?query=coeden+rhydychen>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/search?query=prosiect+x>

<https://www.i2e.com/j2blast>

<https://wordwall.net/>



### Mathematics

The children's numeracy and maths skills will be targeted every day. We ask you kindly if you could practice some basic skills with them at home sometimes. Skills such as; counting forwards and backwards in various patterns, practice their timetables, + - x and ÷ practices and telling the time.

This term we'll be focusing on implementing their x and ÷ skills, angles, money and shape.

Here are some useful links you could use at home:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

<https://wordwall.net/>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/discovery/resource/574488cd-2a17-4eac-a6ce-434280bbb51d/cy?sort=recent&catalogs=1d058d90-af42-4ce4-bbf2-ba794a95aa55&categories=0fe3d8a8-74ba-4292-b4fd-24cd2c8faaa9&strict=1>

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### Home Work

Homework will be set out every half term. There'll be 3 or 4 different tasks/projects shared out and your child can choose which task to complete (can complete more than one if they'd like) during the term. This terms homework will be sent out next week and they can bring the work back anytime during the term.

## Classroom Staff Structure

**\*\* There's a bit of a change to the timetable this year and some slight changes starting in February which can be seen below.**

## Weekly Timetable January:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1	Maths / Reading (Mr. Roberts)	Maths / Reading Mr. Roberts	Maths / Reading Mr. Roberts	Maths / Reading Mr. Roberts	Class theme (Mr. Roberts)
Session 2	Swimming (Mr. Roberts)	Language (Mr Roberts)	Language (Mr Roberts)	Language (Mr Roberts)	Class theme (Mr. Roberts)
Session 3	Religious Studies ( )	Class theme (Mr. Roberts)	Physical Education (Mr. Roberts) Expressive Arts (Miss Griffith)	Class theme (Mr. Roberts)	Class theme (Mr. Roberts)

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The main change in February is that P.E takes place on Thursday afternoons instead of Wednesday. We have external providers coming in to do P.E with the children for a period of 15 weeks. Aim of the programme is to improve their fitness skills. They'll be fitness tested on the second week of February (9.2.2023) and then taking parts in different activities throughout the 15 weeks. This includes martial arts, ball games, hockey, fitness classes, dance, sessions in the local leisure centres and so much more.

## Seesaw

Seesaw will be used as a method to communicate with parents regarding news. This term we'll be sharing more of the children's works through the app so parents can see what they've been up to in class.

We ask kindly that you phone the school if there are any illness, appointments or any worries.



## General Reminders

**Start time** - All children need to arrive school on time by **8:50 am**.

School finishes at **3:30 pm**

**Fruit** – Children are welcome to bring a bottle of water and fruit to eat during the morning break.

Thank you for your cooperation

Mr Carwyn Roberts