

Welcome back!

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term at Ysgol Tregarth. I hope everyone has enjoyed the holidays. It's been lovely having the children back in the classroom this week and hearing all their wonderful stories about their Christmas holidays.



Miss Tracy Griffith



Miss Marian Hughes

Theme

Instead of choosing a theme for the term, this time 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 do things work?' During the theme we'll be looking at various aspects of science, famous inventions and Design and Technology. A plan will be handed out for you and your child to share ideas about tasks/activities we could do in school. We'd appreciate as much responses as possible back please. 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 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. They'll receive a reading journal to take with them home at the end of the week. Could you please encourage them to bring it back once they've finished with their 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 main focus of our Mathematics lessons this term will be money and budgeting and shape. 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, identifying numbers and their place value, number bonds practices (what makes 10, 20, 50, 100 and so on), practice their timetables, + - x and ÷ practices and telling the time. 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 term's homework will be sent out next week.

Classroom Staff Structure

On Monday mornings, the children will be taught by Mrs Anne Roberts. These sessions will focus on Religious Education and the Welsh Curriculum.

Miss Tracy Griffith will be responsible for your child's PE lessons every Monday until the February half term. It is essential they bring appropriate clothes with them every week (shorts, t-shirt, trainers or warm clothes to go out) to take part. On Wednesday afternoon. The classes will be split in to two groups. Group one will be year 3 and 4, and group 2 will be year 5 and 6. Year 5 and 6 will focus on Technology in the first session with Mr Roberts and then focus on Expressive Arts with Miss Griffith in the second session.

Weekly Timetable:

Day	Class Teacher	Skills / Subjects
Monday - Friday	Miss Tracy Griffith	Language, literacy and communication Maths and numeracy Science and Technology Humanities Health and Well Being
Monday Morning	Mrs Anne Roberts	Religious Education and the Welsh Curriculum
Monday Afternoon	Miss Griffith	Physical Education
Wednesday afternoon Session 1 (Year 3 and 4) Session 2 (Year 5 and 6)	Miss Griffith	Expressive Arts
Wednesday afternoon Session 1 (Year 5 and 6) Session 2 (Year 5 and 6)	Mr Carwyn Roberts	Technology

Seesaw

In order to ensure that there is consistent communication with the school and you as parents / guardians, we will continue to use 'Seesaw'. We ask kindly you contact the school directly, not through seesaw, regarding a child's absence, appointments, illness, concern or any generic questions.



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.

If children have any resources, books, work that accompanies the class theme and they would like to bring in and share, great. I kindly ask that the children do not bring other toys and objects into school.

Thank you for your cooperation

Miss Tracy Griffith