

Welcome back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second term of school. We hope you all enjoyed Christmas and kept safe over the holidays.

Theme

Year 1 and 2 will be focusing on the theme 'Dinosaurs' during this term. We will be learning about dinosaurs that roamed the world by collecting many facts and gathering information. Where around the world have dinosaurs been found? Explore dinosaur bones and fossils, create models and volcanos.

There will be opportunities for the children to write a description, an information book about a dinosaur, a wanted poster and an imaginary story.

If you have any resources / books to reinforce our class theme 'Dinosaurs' the children are welcome to bring them in. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on the resources.



Reading

Reading sessions continue to be conducted on a daily basis. Many reading comprehension exercises will be practiced during the term to develop the children's reading comprehension skills.

We encourage the children to read as often as they can, and kindly ask you to record any comments into the reading record. They will need to keep their reading record and book in their plastic wallets and bring in to school once they are able to read the book confidently and recall main events.



Mathematics

The children will develop and apply their measuring, money and time skills during the second term. Opportunities will be given for them to measure in the classroom and outdoors, build using various measurements and lots of problem solving.

Shape – the children will learn to draw 2D and 3D shapes, name shapes and identify their properties, sort and classify shapes and much more.

We kindly ask you to practice times tables – 2, 5, 10 and 3 with your child at home.

Here are some links for the children to practice at home:

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/times-tables/coconut-multiples>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/carroll-diagrams/2d-shapes>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/symmetry/symmetry-matching>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/measuring-in-cm>

Home Work

A list of high-frequency words has been attached below. These are the words that often come up when the children read and write. We kindly ask you to practice reading and spelling these words regularly with your child.

A separate letter will follow asking the children to create a piece of work around the theme of 'Dinosaurs', there will be an opportunity for the children to display and discuss their work to the rest of the class.

Homework Week starting:

At the beginning of a new theme, we are eager to receive your input and ideas regarding the different types of experiences/activities/tasks that we can introduce during the term. We kindly ask you to discuss and gather ideas with your child and then write your ideas in each box. Thank you very much and we look forward

to receiving your input and ideas.

Classroom Staff Structure

A member from the Urdd will develop the children's Health and Well-being skills every **Wednesday morning** until half term. We kindly ask that the children come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesdays.

PE lessons every Wednesday week 09.01.23 onwards.

Mrs Caryl Evans will be in charge of the class on Wednesdays. During these days, Mrs Evans will develop the children's ICT skills and the pupils' well-being.

Weekly Timetable:

Day	Classroom Teacher	Skills / Topics developed
Monday - Friday	Mrs Llinos Williams	Language, Literacy and Communication Numeracy and Mathematics Science and Technology Expressive Arts Humanities
Wednesday morning	Member from the Urdd Mrs Caryl Evans	Physical Education (Health and Well-being)
Wednesday	Mrs Caryl Evans	Reading groups Mental Maths ICT Skills Well-being – resilience

Seesaw

In order to ensure that there is consistent communication with the school and you as parents / guardians, 'Seesaw' will continue to be used as a digital platform to share news, to receive and send messages as well as share the pupils' experiences and progress. We kindly ask you to contact the school by phone or email, not through Seesaw, regarding attendance, appointments, illness. Thank you.



General Reminders

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

Finishing Time - FP pupils (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2) finish at **3pm**. FP children with an older sibling (finishing at 3.30pm) are welcome to attend the after school club 3-3.30pm.

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

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bwrdd	chwech	gwyrdd	gwaith	pedwar
olaf	wrth	gallu	arall	bwyta
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