



Welcome to Year 3/4!



Dear parent/carer,

It's been lovely to welcome the children back and to get to know one another. Our new topic is based on the enquiry question 'What are values and how do we show them?' The children have been thinking about what they would like to learn and have come up with some great questions. We will also explore answering these throughout the school year.

Language, Literacy and Communication

We will be practising our oracy skills by using talk to explain our thinking and findings. We will be developing our reading skills by practising skimming and scanning for information on websites and in fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also look at building our reading for pleasure through class texts. Our writing focuses will include poetry, instructions, and descriptive writing. In Welsh, we will look at the unit 'Yn Y Caffi'.

Maths and Numeracy

We will look at place value, including thousands, hundreds, tens and units as well as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies linked to real life problems. We will also focus on the values connected to shape and measure in real life contexts. Each week we will have a go at completing a Times Table Club level and practise our multiplications on Sumdog.

Science and Technology

Activities will be based around the children's questions connected to the world around them. Later in the term we hope to become detectives to help solve ecological and heritage crimes. During our DCF sessions, we will be investigating how a computer works and looking at what is inside it. We will also be using a new resource called the Digital Den. This will help us with learning about data and communication. We will also learn how to send respectful emails to others.

Humanities

In our Humanities sessions, we will be looking at values through different periods in time. We will also look at values in different countries around the world. In R.E, we will investigate 'What happens during the festival of Diwali and do celebrations bring a sense of belonging?'

Expressive Arts

In our Expressive Arts sessions, we will undertake drama sessions linked to values such as fairness and equality. Our artwork will be inspired by the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be developing our hockey, football and rugby skills and hopefully ice hockey too! As well as learning to play these sports, we will also be looking at the World Cup and how sports develop the values of fairness and equality. We will also be completing monthly KiVa sessions. We are a KiVa school and KiVa is an antibullying programme.

Reading and Spelling

Reading at home is very important and children need to read for at least 20 minutes every day at home. You can access books through Giglets www.giglets.com which your child uses in school and has been given login details for. You can also read with your child using the online Oxford Owl reading scheme at www.oxfordowl.co.uk/. Details for Oxford Owl will be sent shortly. You can record your child's reading at home in their Reading Record Book. This will also show you any words they need to practise. The children will work on weekly spelling patterns and sounds in school. They should practice these spellings at home weekly using the Sumdog website: www.sumdog.com.

PE, Coats and Equipment

Remember we are learning outside on most days, so you need a coat every day! Labelling coats and jumpers helps us return mislaid items. Thank you. Children must wear their PE kit to school, plus a hoody/jumper, joggers and trainers on their PE day. The only other items needed in school are a water bottle, lunchbox (if having sandwiches) and medicines such as an inhaler, everything else can be left at home.

PE Days: 3/4G – Monday & Thursday, 3/4TE – Tuesdays & Fridays and 3/4B – Thursdays & Fridays

Here's to a happy and productive term!

Mr Gregory, Miss Brighthouse, Miss Terry and Mrs Evans.