



# Happy New Year!



Dear parent/carer,

It's been lovely to welcome the children back and we hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. Our new topic will be 'Natural Disasters'. This follows on from last term's topic about the Elements as the children had lots of exciting questions about Natural Disasters as a result of their learning so far.

## **Language, Literacy and Communication**

We will be practising our oracy skills by making and presenting our own weather forecasts based on our learning last term! We will continue to develop our reading skills by practising skimming and scanning for information on websites and in fiction and non-fiction books. Our writing focuses include poetry, explanations, letter writing and Just So stories all linked to our exciting topic. In Welsh we will look at the unit 'Dod i'ch Nabod', 'Getting to Know You'.

## **Maths and Numeracy**

We will look at measuring length and telling the time, including o'clock, half past and quarter past and quarter to as well as multiplication and division strategies linked to real life problems. We will also focus on 2D and 3D shapes, their properties and symmetry within them. Each week we will have a go at completing a Times Table Club level and practise our multiplications on Sumdog.

## **Science and Technology**

We will be investigating sinking and floating and testing these characteristics by looking at a range of materials. We will also have a look at fires. What is needed to make one, how we can be safe around them and how we can put them out. During our ICT lessons we will be taking a closer look at coding and having a go at creating our own game!

## **Humanities**

In RE we will be finding out more about Buddhism, looking at key events in the Bible connected to Easter and finding out about Noah's Ark. We will be completing our investigations into volcanoes, which will lead us into our inquiries to find out more about natural disasters. During the term, we will explore natural disasters within our local area and Wales, such as flooding and land/forest fires. As our learners have many of their own wonderings regarding this topic we will be exploring their questions finding out about a wide range of different natural disasters around the world and considering how climate change is having an impact.

## **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](http://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. Go to [www.oxfordowl.co.uk/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/), click on the pink 'My Class Login' button at the top of the page and enter the details your class teacher has provided. Your child can tell you what level book they are reading so you can pick a book just right for them in the eBooks section! 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](http://www.sumdog.com)

## **PE, Coats and Wellies!**

Remember we are learning outside on most days so you need a coat every day! As is having waterproof footwear for Forest Schools sessions! Labelling wellies, 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 days. 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 – Mondays and Fridays, 3/4TM – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3/4TF – Wednesdays and Fridays

**Forest School Days:** 3/4G – Tuesdays, 3/4TM – Wednesdays, 3/4TF – Mondays

Here's to a happy and productive term!

Mr Gregory, Mrs Tuffin, Miss Terry, Miss Mills and Mrs Evans.