



Spring Term 2023 in Year 3/4!



Dear parent/carer,

We look forward to another busy term of learning and experiences! Our topic based on the enquiry question 'What are values?' will continue. The children had so many great questions linked to this last term, that we would like to continue to answer these through our learning this term.

Language, Literacy and Communication

We will be looking at writing and telling jokes. We will learn about what makes a good joke and how the delivery of jokes is important. 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 in Guided Reading sessions. Our writing focuses will include jokes, instructions and short stories. In Welsh, we will look at the unit 'Adolygu Llyfr' which will look at reviewing books. We will also celebrate St Dwynwen's Day and Welsh Music Day.

Maths and Numeracy

We will be continuing to work on the four operations and particularly focusing on multiplication and division. We will also be focusing on shape through area and perimeter and trying our hand at interpreting data as well as drawing tables and graphs. Each week we will have a go at completing a Times Table Club level and practise our multiplications on Sumdog.

Science and Technology

In our Science lessons this term, we hope to become detectives to help solve ecological and heritage crimes. We will also look at animals and food chains. There will be the opportunity to make bird boxes for our outdoor areas. During our DCF sessions, we will continue to use a resource called the Digital Den. This will help us with learning about communication and interaction online. We will learn how to send respectful emails to others.

Humanities

This term, we will be looking at values through different periods in time including the Windrush generation. We will also look at values in different countries around the world. In R.E, we will explore Judaism and also the celebrations of Chinese New Year, Easter and World Religions Day.

Expressive Arts

In our Expressive Arts sessions, we will undertake drama sessions linked to values such as justice and we will hold our own trial when we have gathered our ecological crime evidence. Our artwork will be based on portraiture.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, we will begin swimming lessons at The Flash. Please see below for swimming days and times for each class. We will also be developing our sporting techniques through cricket. We will have the opportunity to design our own game during PE sessions. We will continue with monthly KiVa sessions – 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 home 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 – Swimming and Cricket

The children will be participating in swimming and cricket sessions this term. On the swimming days listed below, your child will need their swimming costume/trunks and towel in a labelled bag. All children will have cricket on a Thursday so they must wear their PE kit on Thursdays. This could include a hoody/jumper and joggers during the colder weather.

Swimming Days: 3/4TE – Monday 3/4G – Wednesday 3/4TE – Friday

Cricket: Across all Year 3 and 4 classes, cricket will take place on a Thursday

Here's to a happy and productive term!

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