

5th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year!



Our Curriculum in Taw:

Our overarching class topic this term will be '*ANIMALS*', *exploring creatures big and small*. Much of the work the children do will reflect this. In **English, KS1** will be developing their grammatical skills to vary their sentences and add interest to their writing. **EYFS** will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills, developing their ability to follow 2-part instructions, as these are central to all learning. They will continue to develop their confidence to blend sounds to hear and read words through their phonics sessions and individual reading. Developing children's comprehension skills will be fundamental through all our subjects and texts that we read together. Some key text that we will be using are: Argh Spider!, Farmer Duck, Oi Frog, The tiger who came to tea, Owl Babies and The Owl who was afraid of the dark.

In **Maths** we will continue to develop children's number sense and place value. **KS1** will be exploring multiplication and developing speedy recall of facts, and the relation to division. They will apply their learning through looking at length, height and understanding of statistics before moving on to explore 2d and 3d shapes and their properties. They will also learn about fractions. **EYFS** will be developing their understanding of number to 10 through exploring and building number bonds and creating simple calculations.

In **Science**, we will be exploring animals and their offspring. Children will investigate various life cycles and changes that happen, as well as what we need to survive and how to look after our pets.

Developing our children's **personal, social and emotional skills** are vital to help them learn, identify and manage their feelings. We will help them recognise that we are all equal and understand that we are all unique. We will also be learning about medicines, why we have them and how they help us.

In **Geography & History** we will be exploring our local community, focusing on the farming aspect; developing our knowledge of what happens and why. Children will develop their understanding of the past and how Florence Nightingale influenced changes in our hospitals.

In **Art and Design Technology** we will be creating healthy meals and how to prepare them. One of our artists this term will be Andy Goldsworthy as we explore various sculptures; designing and creating our own.



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In **RE** we will be learning 'what Christians believe God is like?' exploring the word *forgiveness* and why it is important. Also learning about Judaism: exploring Jewish artefacts recognise some Jewish prayers and give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times.

We will continue to have **Forest School** every Monday afternoon so please ensure your child has spare clothes to change into, appropriate to the weather!

P.E. will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon, as well as our daily physical warm up sessions.



Reading:

Thank you to those who have read with your children over the holiday and shared books together. **Reading with your children is one of the most important ways you can support their learning in the Early Years & Key Stage 1.** As a parent/carer it is an expectation that you will hear your child read, or read with them, at least four times a week. It really makes a **huge** difference if reading regularly takes place at home. Children in reception upwards will have a decodable book to practise their phonics skills alongside a 'book of interest' to share with you. Please make a short note of this in the yellow reading diary. Your comments are relevant at whatever level your child is currently reading at.

Home Learning:

YR: this term we will focus on spelling/letter recognition, handwriting/motor skills and number skills, alongside their regular reading.

Key Stage 1: children will have a Home Learning book with activities linked to current or future work. We will send work home on Fridays.

Tapestry:

We are continuing to use 'Tapestry' to keep you informed of your child's progress and activities that they have done. We will continue to update this for all children, throughout the week, as we feel it is beneficial to our communication with you. Please 'like' or add your own comments and observations of what your child has done at home.

We will always endeavour to be available if you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child in **Taw** class, however big or small. Please also contact us via email.

Kind regards

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