



## September 2024 Newsletter

### Welcome to Robins

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

*Croeso mawr* to our Robins (Reception and Year 1) and our new school year! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are as excited as our team to start the new school year with our young children! This newsletter is to give you some brief information about the start of the term. More information will be shared as the term progresses to keep you as up to date as possible through our class page on the website, or directly via email. Please feel free to email me directly with any queries or concerns about your child: Mrs Watkins: [watkinsj292@hwbcymru.net](mailto:watkinsj292@hwbcymru.net)

Mrs Mitchell and myself are your child's class teachers and we job share our role. You will usually see Mrs Mitchell (Monday to Wednesday) and myself on a Thursday and Friday. However, at the moment with Mrs Mitchell being absent, I am with your children full-time. We will keep you informed of any changes.

It is great to see how quickly all the children have settled into their new routines already. I am so impressed the way our older Robins have acted as 'good role models' for our younger Robins. When our new class page is available on our website, photos will be available for you to see.

### PE /Forest School/Outdoor Learning

We ask that all children come to school on selected days wearing either their PE kit or Forest School clothing, depending on what Year group they are in.

#### **Forest School - Tuesday afternoon Reception only**

**Wednesday afternoon** (Year 1 pupils only – they will join with Woodpecker class)

**Wednesday afternoon** - Dance (Big Stars) will take place for Reception only.



#### **PE - for all our Robins (Reception and Year 1) every Friday morning.**

**PE clothing**- Black jogging pants/legging or shorts (depending on weather conditions), plain white t-shirt, school sweatshirt and trainers.

**Forest School Clothing** – An old pair of long trousers (suitable to wear in the forest), a t-shirt, a warm sweatshirt/fleece, waterproofs, a warm waterproof coat, and a pair of wellies.

**Outdoor Learning:** Children will need a pair of wellies in school during the week so that children can access our outdoor learning areas (including the forest) in all weather conditions. As the weather begins to get colder, we advise that all children bring a hat, scarf, and gloves (**clearly labelled with their name**).

### Reading

Reading books and stories is my favourite thing to do with young children. You can really help to make a difference with your child's reading at home too. It will be crucial to their development as readers and unlocking so much potential to their future learning. We teach children to develop their reading skills in a variety of ways including whole class shared reading sessions and one-to-one reading sessions. The children will start bringing home reading books and choose books in their book bags over the next couple of weeks. More important information about this will be provided during our meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> after school.

### Maths / Numeracy

For teaching maths to our younger children, we use White Rose Maths. It is very practical and progressive and provides children with a great foundation for their future understanding of mathematics. At this stage in the year, you can help your child at home by counting small amounts of objects, sorting them and recognising similarities and differences. Making repeated patterns is also useful. Some of our children are able to make amounts, practising this in different ways with items such as dried pasta, or leaves outdoors is another way to help engage your child with maths. Again, we can provide more guidance and support if needed during our meeting.

### General Reminders

We kindly ask that children bring in just a snack pot (containing fruit) and water bottles (containing water) labelled clearly with your child's name *rather than a large bag*. Not having an extra bag makes it a lot easier for the children to manage during our snack time. We really appreciate your support with this and are very much looking forward to getting to know the children and working with you throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch directly, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child.

Kind regards,

Mrs Watkins, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Speed and Mrs Jones

