



September 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2!

Croeso i Flwyddyn 2!



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

A very warm welcome to Year 2 and the start of the new school year. I hope you all had a lovely summer. I am sure, like myself, you are all excited that the new school year is now upon us! This newsletter is to give you some brief information about the start of term. More information will be shared as the term progresses to keep you as up to date as possible through our class pages on the website, or directly via email. Please feel free to email me with any queries or concerns about your child: watkinsj97@hwbcymru.net (Available during the school week).

I am so delighted to see how quickly the children have settled back into their new routines already. We have had a fun week getting to know each other. They are learning to be a lot more independent in Year 2 already! As soon as our class page is up and running shortly on our website, photos will be available for you to see.

Our new inquiry project – ‘We live in a diverse world’

We are starting with our own identity and what makes us the person we are. We will also be encouraging children to think about the similarities and differences between people, explore different attitudes, challenge stereotypes, think about what it means to be inclusive and how to promote tolerance. We will be covering a wide range of areas such as cultural diversity, gender stereotypes, family units, disability and much more.

French

I know some of you have noticed your child coming home speaking French! Well at least using, ‘Bonjour. Ça va?’ Part of our new curriculum is to embrace our language learning early. Year 2 have already been ‘translanguaging’ this week – learning ‘welcome’ in Welsh, French and Romanian! (*Croeso, Bienvenue and Bine ati venit*) They are so quick to learn, it’s fantastic!

Reading in Year 2



Reading to, and with, your child at home is crucial to their development as readers. Please encourage your child to read as much as you possibly can as this will be the key to unlocking so much potential to their future learning. The main ways in which we teach to develop their reading skills is during daily whole class shared reading sessions, with one-to-one time with me for them to work at their pace and level. There will certainly be *plenty* more opportunities to read a wide range of materials in Year 2! I love children’s literature and have lots of experience in supporting and motivating young children to read. Already I have a book corner full of eager readers. The children will start bringing home reading and choose books in their bookbags over the next couple of weeks. So please write any comments in their reading records of anything that you read at home. Again, please feel free to ask for any advice or support.



Maths /Numeracy

In Year 2, the children will develop a range of mathematical skills, including applying their knowledge of number in practical situations across the curriculum and developing their numerical reasoning. The children will have plenty of practise using their numeracy skills creatively and in our outdoor areas. Counting and place value will be our main maths focus this half term. You could help your child by playing games such as Snakes and Ladders and using money to count up to £1.00. They could group count items such as dried pasta into 2s, 5s, and 10s and practise counting on and back from different numbers up to 100. As the term progresses, I will be in touch again with more advice but if you need any advice in the meantime, please do ask.

General reminders

Thursday - Forest School / Friday - PE

Children come to school wearing their own clothes on these days appropriate for the weather conditions.

I would be most grateful if you could check that your **child’s name is inside their jumpers and fleeces**. Unfortunately, we have had a mislaid jumper already with no name in, so your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read this initial newsletter. I look forward to working with you and the children this year. Please rest assured that my number one priority is always the children and making sure that they continue to thrive and enjoy their learning. I will update as regularly as possible with any other important issues and please don’t forget to get in touch in with me in the first instance if you have any concerns or queries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Watkins

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