

# Year 2 Newsletter

April 2023

Dear Year 2 Parents, Carers & Children,

A big welcome back to school to you all. I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and of course enjoyed plenty of chocolate! Here we are in the final term of Year 2. It has certainly flown by and, as always, we will be using this final term to reflect on our progress so far and think about things we may need to get better at, in preparation for the move into Key Stage 2. We will be working closely with Year 3 children later on during this summer term to help us get used to changes before the big step in September. In the meantime, we are very busy with our new inquiry, '**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.**' More updates to follow shortly on our class pages on our website.

## Reading

Reading still plays a central part in all our activities this term. Your support in sustaining your child's reading habits at home is vital. Asking them to summarise a story or asking lots of questions about what they have understood from a non-fiction text is an integral part of their motivation and development as a reader. The more they read now, the more prepared they will be for the next step in Year 3. Thank you again for all your support with this. Please continue to use their reading record books to make any notes. As ever, if you need any advice or recommendations for books, please get in touch.

## Maths / Numeracy

I am so proud of how the children have been learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables! They have worked so hard and have enjoyed lots of the songs and games we have played in helping them to learn. Keep them practising at home as this will make a big difference to them in their Maths in Year 3. If your child is able to recall them all fluently at random, they could start learning the 3 and 4 times table. Please continue to help your child learn to tell the time. This is definitely something that many children can find a challenge!

## Outdoors Learning / PE

As the weather is still changeable, please can your child still have a rainproof coat and suitable clothing for our outdoor sessions, whatever the weather. And a final plea for names to be written inside clothing please- especially school jumpers - to avoid them getting lost! Thank you for your support with this. Unfortunately, we continue to have a lost property box with lots of unnamed items. Helping your child to learn how to tie shoelaces will also be very useful to them to further develop their independence.



Welsh/French



I am so proud of how quickly the children have been learning French. They are also getting really good at 'translanguaging', often switching between Welsh and French during conversations. Hopefully you have been hearing some phrases at home too! These skills will certainly prepare them for future successes with language learning.

## Personal Development & Relationships

As mentioned in our whole school newsletter, we will be talking to the children again about a number of age-appropriate issues regarding keeping themselves safe both physically and online. This can sometimes bring up some questions at home or cause some children to worry about the internet. Please do get in touch if you wish to understand more or if you would like any advice.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, a copy of which will also be put on our class page for future reference. As always, I am very much looking forward to working with you all again this term. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, *as below*, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child: [watkinsj97@hwbcymru.net](mailto:watkinsj97@hwbcymru.net)

Kind regards,  
**Mrs Watkins**

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