

Curriculum News Booklet



Autumn Term 2020



Dates to Note

Please be aware that as new and exciting activities are added to the diary you will be notified by the school in the weekly newsletter and via the school website. All dates to note are subject to change due to current COVID social distancing regulations. Please remember the best way to keep up to date with news from Llangan is to register for ParentPay and Schoop. Please speak to the school office if you need assistance in setting this up.

Thursday 15th October - Flu spray immunisation Yr R - 6.

w/c 19th October - Virtual parent consultations.*

Friday 23rd October - Virtual Harvest Festival celebration** / last day of term.

HALF TERM 26TH October - 1st November.

Monday 2nd November - Pupils return to school.

Friday 6th November - Colorfoto individual photos.

CHRISTMAS HOILDAY 21ST December - 3rd January 2021

Monday 4th January - Children return to school.

HALF TERM 15TH - 19TH February

Monday 22nd February - Children return to school.

EASTER HOLIDAY 29TH March - 11th April

Monday 12th April - Children return to school.

HALF TERM 31ST May - 4th June

Monday 7th June - Children return to school.

Thursday 17th June - Sports Day.

Thursday 24th June - Reserve Sports Day.

Friday 16th July - Last day of term.

* Parent consultations will probably be via a telephone consultation.

**Harvest Festival will be a virtual event this year.

There will be further discussions with staff about arrangements for Christmas concerts / activities once we have evaluated the success of our Harvest celebrations.

Croeso Nôl! Welcome Back!



Another year is upon us and the first few weeks of school for the children is over - and what a busy time it has been! 2020 has certainly been a trying time for us all, and I would like to thank you all for the support you have given us here in Llangan as we try to get back to 'Normal'.

I would like to welcome all new and old parents back to Llangan Primary School following the summer holidays and trust that you all had a well-deserved rest.

Most of the first few weeks have been spent settling the children in and assessing where they are after a long time away from school. From this we are going to be concentrating on basics i.e. reading, writing, spelling, maths etc. This curriculum letter is to give you a flavour of some of the learning and activities that will be taking place in your child's class this term.

Communication is the key to a smooth running and effective school and it is therefore essential that you seek help for anything you are unsure of, there are always staff who can assist you with difficulties or answer any questions that may arise. Please don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop us an email at any time. Llanganps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

The school is justifiably proud of its reputation for concern for the individual child, both in terms of welfare and educational provision. We work on the premise that each and every child is entitled to the highest quality educational experience that can be provided. We firmly believe that in Llangan all children have the opportunity to develop all skills following a broad and balanced curriculum.

'Llangan Primary School is an inclusive learning community. Leaders and staff demonstrate high levels of care and respect for pupils. By the end of their time at the school, most pupils achieve well. They are particularly eloquent and speak maturely on a broad range of topics. Pupils' behaviour is exemplary.' (Estyn 2019)

Kind regards

Susan Price

Miss S Price

Headteacher

Dosbarth Pili-Pala

Nursery

Mrs Hughes, Mrs Finucane, Miss Bethan and Mrs Stevens



Welcome, and hello everyone to the start of a year in the Nursery class and a very warm welcome to all our new children and parents!

This is a very important term for the children and we want their time in Nursery to be as happy and safe as possible, as such, we will be spending a lot of time getting to know each other and helping them to learn about our school rules and routines. We will be encouraging the children to be as independent as possible e.g. putting on own coats, wellies, choosing activities, selecting resources, etc.

When the children arrive at school and have hung up their coats and bags on their peg, before they find their name and place it on the radiator. To begin, the children can choose what they would like to do from a variety of enhanced and continuous provision. They will be encouraged to join in with at least one of the adult-led activities. We absolutely love the outside area where we will be out in all weathers continuing to learn and play. The children will be provided with a drink of water or milk and a healthy snack during the morning. A parent's contribution of £2 a week would be great!

Below are just a few of the activities the children might be involved in:

Investing the outside environment

Learning to play and share

Singing nursery rhymes and action rhymes

Saying numbers 0-10

Understanding whole school and classroom rules and routines.

Independently putting my coat on and using the toilet.

If you would like to help your child at home, these are just a few ideas:



We ask you to please provide your child with the following and bring them to school as soon as possible:

- A pair of wellies to be left in school to play outside with your child's name written on them.
- Snack money to please be sent to school as soon as possible.

We are so looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting activities it brings. If you have any concerns, worries or questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Nursery staff, we are happy to help. Please ring us or email us at llanganps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



Dosbarth Draenog

Reception



Miss Llewellyn, Mrs Finucane, Mrs Woodward and Mrs Hunter

A huge welcome to all of our parents and children. What a wonderful transition we have had into our big Reception class. The children have completely blown us away by settling into school life so well. It truly has been lovely to see such big smiles. Although we will be concentrating on settling into school routines this term, there will also be lots of learning taking place. Throughout all of the new experiences, we will support your child and make it as enjoyable and easy as possible.

This half term our topic will be "Family Album". Such a wonderful topic to start with as the children love talking about their birthdays. Also it is a lovely opportunity to look back at our families' history and find out all about ourselves. The wonderful thing about the Foundation Phase curriculum is that we never know where it will lead us as it is all about the children using their imagination and following their interest. Where will we go? Maybe comparing and measuring how tall we are, talking about feelings, likes and dislikes, exploring senses, thinking about who lives in our house, making all sorts of shadows and reflections in a mirror?

Once the children have settled into Reception we will be introducing some new concepts. These include -

- Telling stories from pictures
- Refreshing and learning all of our sounds
- Blending sounds to make simple words
- Reading and writing our names using the correct formation (initial letter capital letter and lower case)
- Writing marks and symbols, progression on to letters and numbers,
- Saying our numbers to 100 counting in 10s
- Counting sets recognising more or less
- Learning 2D shapes
- Learning our days of the week.

Of course, all of these will be done through our topic in a fun, exciting and messy way!

Things to note -

Name labels - please label snack boxes and water bottles with permanent pen or a sticky label.

Wellies to be brought in.

Suitable clothing - warm waterproof coat as we will be out in all weathers.

£1 a week parent contribution to classroom resources.

If there is anything we can do to support you and your child whilst they settle in to Llangan Primary, please feel free to contact us via phone or email llanganps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



Welcome back to a new school term!
I am excited and look forward to teaching Year One and Two.



Our Topic this half term is 'Family Album' which has a history focus and teaches children about the chronology of their own lives including their families. At the heart of this project children write simple narrative stories about their own families and develop additional skills in writing simple and sequenced sentences.

In this project the children will learn:

- About the chronology of their own lives and the lives of their families;
- How families are different;
- Parts of the human body and what they are used for;
- About the differences and similarities between life for a child now and in the past;
 - How to present information using a variety of media.



In Maths, we will be concentrating on number formation (with correct orientation), addition, inc. doubling, subtraction and number bonds. We will also be developing our reasoning skills through practical problem solving activities. We will also look at different formats of data handling and displaying results.

In Literacy, we will be developing speaking and listening through a range of activities including role play. Obviously, the learning of phonics plays a major part in the Foundation Phase and this will be developed with the understanding of sentence structure and the use of simple grammar. We will be writing stories, letters, invitations and recipes. We will also be focusing on letter formation and orientation, spelling and hand writing.

Additional Information

- Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name, e.g. coats, snack pots and jumpers/hoodies/cardigans.

- Each child needs to bring in a healthy snack, which they can eat during morning playtime. (No nuts) Your child will also need to bring in a water bottle, with their name on, daily.
- P.E kits will need to be worn into school on your child's relevant day. Year 1 have PE on a Monday with Year 2 on a Tuesday.
- We will be using the outdoors as much as possible so please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the weather.
- It would be beneficial to your child if you could listen to him/her read for a few minutes each day, especially due to the strange times we have been through. When your child is unsure of a word they are trying to read, remember to help them sound the letters out and do not use the names of the letters. Learning to blend is a massive part of a child learning to read.

Helping your Child at Home

- Practise counting forwards and backwards, starting at different numbers will secure their number skills.
- Number formation, with correct orientation is an important skill to practise at home and will prove invaluable for your child.
- Practise spellings with your child during the week. You can practise by using either the look, cover, say, write and check technique or using rhymes to help them spell the word. Focusing on high frequency words is a great place to start. You can find a list of the first 100 words via the internet, followed by the next 200 words. If you have any issues in finding these just let me know.

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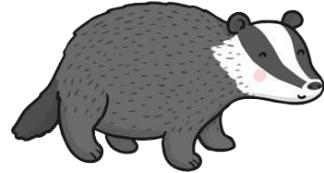
Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Jarman Davies

Dosbarth Mochyn Daear

Year 3

Mrs Williams



Croeso nôl - Welcome back to a new school term. It's great to meet you all! I am very excited to be embarking upon a new adventure at Llangan Primary School.

Topics

Our enquiry question for our new topic will be 'Would you rather be a child in the Victorian era or in the modern-day?' This topic will be taught through Literacy and Numeracy (LNF) and Foundation Subjects.

The Victorians provides a history focus which teaches children about an era where immense industrial, educational and social changes took place. The children will begin to understand that Britain was at the height of its international power and status during Queen Victoria's reign in 1837 to 1901. They will be given opportunities to explore the manufacturing and trading successes and understand how they led the way in developing new technologies.

Through these enquiries, the children will learn how to write diaries and recounts to recall and relive historical events. In addition to this, the children will be given the opportunity to write descriptive stories and explore historical poems.



Maths

In Maths, we will begin by concentrating on place value for the first few weeks, this is particularly important this year, as we are keen to establish if there are any gaps in learning. Later in the term, we will begin looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - this will be taught and practised in the classroom, as well as added to the fortnightly homework. If you are unsure of the methods we use, please look at our calculation policy on our school website. Throughout the term we will also be developing our reasoning skills through practical problem-solving activities. Examples of these are also available on our class webpage.

English

In English, we will be studying a range of texts and genres and will be basing some of our work on the novel 'Street Child'. We have some copies in school, but if you have access to any additional copies or wish to purchase this amazing book for your child, it would be beneficial for them to read at home. We will be using fiction and non-fiction books based on the Victorian era in our weekly guided reading sessions. We will also be developing our creative writing skills, Oracy skills, thinking skills and

collaborative skills. Self-assessment and Peer assessment will be used to develop an awareness of what is required for a higher standard of reading, writing and Oracy.

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Coat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
P.E.				✓	
Wellies			✓		

Other news

- Reading is key to the new way that we are teaching writing in school. It would be beneficial to your child if you could listen to him/her read for a few minutes at least once or twice a week whether this is the school reading book or any other suitable book. School reading books will be changed when they are secure with the text. Additional reading materials can be found on our Google Classroom, which can be accessed via your child's Hwb account.
- Spelling - We understand that spelling is important and include this within our homework. A new way to help your child to learn spellings is using 'The Spelling Shed' App on an iPad. It does cost £2.99 but is a fun and interactive way of learning these high frequency words. You can also add your own words to a list, if your child is particularly struggling with certain spelling patterns. Additional spelling materials can also be found on our Google Classroom.
- Homework - As a school, we have decided to use Google Classroom for our homework this year. This will limit the transfer of books from home to school, as well as encourage all children to continue to engage with the online learning tools they have become familiar with over the past few months. The homework schedule will remain fortnightly as will the format the children are familiar with. Should you have any problems accessing Google Classroom, please do not hesitate to contact the school for help and guidance.

Finally,

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Many thanks for your support,
Mrs B Williams

Dosbarth Gwenyn



Year 4

Miss Simmonds

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Many thanks for your support,
Miss M Simmonds



Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely, relaxing holiday and are feeling appropriately refreshed for the upcoming and busy year ahead! I am looking forward to the Autumn Term in Llangan Primary School and I hope that the children are too! For many children within the class, this will be their last year at Llangan, and because of this, they will be encouraged to be more independent and given increased responsibility, which will prove invaluable and provide a perfect platform for when they venture into secondary education. Being in Year 5 and 6, children are expected to complete all tasks to the best of their ability, and on time.



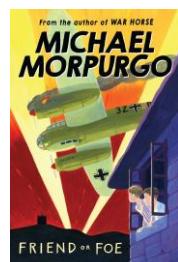
Curriculum This Term

Our topic during this term will be '**World War 2**', which will be taught through Literacy and Numeracy (LNF) and Foundation Subjects.

World War 2 has an historical focus and teaches children about the Second World War including an understanding of the reasons for war, the impact on the everyday lives of people including children and about significant individuals of the period. Children will also learn about the significance of the Blitz and the social and human impact of it. At the heart of this project children write narrative stories based on historical facts and develop additional skills in using flashback as a technique for telling stories.

English

This term, we shall be studying a number of texts and genres, and our class novel will be the Michael Morpurgo novel 'Friend or Foe'. We have limited copies in school, but if you have access to any additional, it would be beneficial if these could be brought in to aid your child's studies. Children will be encouraged to be critical readers and will often be asked to review what they have read. We shall also be working on improving our creative writing, oracy, listening, thinking and collaborative skills. Much work within the class will involve peer and self assessment, where children will develop an awareness of what is required for a high standard of writing.



Maths

I shall be continuing to focus on improving the children's quick-fire multiplication skills so that they have rapid recall - parents can help in this by questioning the children on their multiplication knowledge. We will continue to use a program that we have purchased to aid the learning of Multiplication Tables called 'Times Tables Rockstars'. Hopefully your child has brought home some information about this for you. If you require any more information, don't hesitate in contacting me. In order to strengthen and develop confidence, the skills which children will learn, will be transferred into other subjects, so that opportunity is given for children to build on what has been learnt during numeracy sessions, and appreciate the importance of mathematics as a whole in life!

Science

Much of the science for this term will focus on 'Forces', particularly Forces that occurred during WW2. However, we are continuing to focus on improving our planning, investigations and evaluating scientific investigations and understanding why and how we should ensure investigations

are 'fair tests'. These elements are very important, and it is my aim that all children will become extremely competent in this!

Other news...

PE is **every Tuesday**—children will be able to wear their kit to school for this day, to save the amount of items going between home and school.

Homework will be starting shortly and all homework will be carried out through Google Classroom. More information is being sent out about homework as we are ensuring consistency across the school. All homework is **expected to be completed by all the children in my class**. Please encourage your child to complete the work to their best ability, and if they found it difficult, they can let me know via a private message on the Google Classroom. The children have been shown how to send a private message. I can then alleviate any misconceptions as soon as possible!

All children will be working on spelling words in their homework that we are concentrating on in class as part of a spelling lesson and in our guided reading sessions.

Finally.....

I am a firm believer in good communication with parents/guardians. If you do have any concerns, no matter how small or trivial you think they are, please do not hesitate to contact me via email. My address is SinnettM@hwbsmail.net

Many thanks,

Mr. Marc Sinnett