



**Welcome Back!!!**

I hope you all had an amazing summer break and are coming back to school refreshed and eager to learn.

We are currently living through uncertain times, but I would like to emphasise here that your child's safety and well-being will be our main priority on their return to school.

In the current situation, parents and visitors will not be permitted to enter the school building unless by prior appointment for urgent issues only. If you need to speak to a member of staff, you will be required to make a phone appointment via the school office.

I would just like to say how excited I am to be teaching your children and am thoroughly looking forward to what the year has in store.

## **Learning**

During this term our main theme will be *Belong*. Within this theme the children will think about what it means to belong, not only in relation to their immediate but also in their community and in the World. We will start with exploring the question *Where do I belong in my class?* This will enable the children to feel a sense of security and acceptance in their classroom environment.

We will continue to explore a range of Values and further develop our understanding of the UNCRIC through our theme work and philosophy sessions.

The New Curriculum is driven by the four purposes. These will be developed through all areas of the curriculum. Literacy and numeracy skills will continue to be taught and reinforced in theme work. Initial focus will be on place value (numeracy) and 'all about me' (literacy).

### **Communication**

The main form of communication will be through Twitter, where there will be regular daily updates of learning and reminders.

Follow us:

@GlyncollenYear4/3

You can also check the school website for any updates.

<http://www.glyncollen.swansea.sch.uk/>

### **What will my child need and when?**

In Year 4/3 we continue to develop the children's independence. As a result we encourage all children to attend school with the appropriate resources. Please ensure your child brings a blue pen, pencil, ruler and rubber each day.

Our P.E slot will be on a Wednesday morning this term. Please be aware that currently, children will need to come to school in their P.E kit and wear it for the remainder of the day. Trainers will be essential for PE.

**Outdoor Learning** will take place on Thursday morning. Old clothes, waterproofs and wellies are required for these sessions. A bag to put waterproofs and wellies in after the session are also essential.

### Other Information

- Spelling words will be sent home every Friday for your child to practice.
- Multiplication tables are the foundation of mathematics. Therefore it is really important that your child has a good understanding of their tables. Please practice these at home in whatever way suits you and your child. (Songs are always a good starting point)
- **Snack and Water** – Pupils may bring a fruit snack to eat during the morning break. Pupils will also need to bring a labelled water bottle which they will be permitted to refill during the day when needed.

### **Final Note**

I am looking forward to working with you over the coming year in ensuring your children have the best school experience.

Kind Regards,

Mr Probert – Year 4/3 Teacher