

Croeso i
Blwyddyn 3

Welcome to
Year 3

The Beginning and End of the Day

- School begins at 08:40 and ends at 15:20 for Y3 children. Please try to be on time and ensure that you know what entrance to collect and drop off your child.
- The entrance and exit for Y3 children is the left hand side door of the learning pod, unless they are on a bus or breakfast club.
- During the day we will have been reminding the children about hand hygiene and following guidelines, so at the end of the school day, please try to adhere to social distancing rules in order to keep us all safe as you wait to pick them up. The teacher will send your child to you once we have seen that you are there.
- It is extremely important to make sure that your child knows whether they are going on a bus at the end of the day or not. If there are any changes during the day, please inform the school office staff.

Organising the Learning

- There is a new curriculum that will be launched in Wales in 2022 that we are embedding into our teaching and learning. It is designed to improve and develop children's thinking skills and independence.
- Following current Welsh guidance, we will be prioritising Literacy, Numeracy areas of learning and Digital Skills; alongside our RE Curriculum.
- In order to make this meaningful for our children, we will blend this teaching across the curriculum through our topics. Our first topic is Blwyddyn 3 o'r gwmpas y byd - Year 3 across the world.

Children's Planners

- Your child will soon be bringing home an individual planner.
- At the moment, children's planners should be brought into school on Friday only and taken home on Mondays.
- The Home School Agreement and other consent forms are in the home school diary. Please ensure that these are read and signed - look for the stars on the diary pages.
- Spellings, reading and homework will be recorded in the planners.
- Logins- Hwb, mymaths.com, TT Rockstars and readingeggs.com are recorded in planners.
- Notes for the teacher can be recorded in the diary or please contact the school by phone or e-mail. Please ask your child to show us any note you have written.
- If there is a change to end of day arrangement for your child please contact school office - please do not use diary for this information.

Learning at home

- Please inform us if your child does not have access to digital equipment at home. Digital equipment could be a laptop, PC, i-pad or a tablet.
- When homework begins to be sent home, you will find the following information useful
English/Topic homework is given on Monday and should be completed by Friday.
- Maths homework is given on Friday and should be completed by Monday.
- Spellings are usually given on Monday and a test is carried out on Friday.
- Homework can be set digitally, on MyMaths or HWB, or on paper. Please let us know if your child has any problems logging on to My Maths or HWB.

Learning at home continued...

- Children should be reading at home 3 times a week or more. They can read their school book or a book of their choice. It is important to question your child and discuss what they have read to ensure their understanding.
- Please check the homework box in the home/school diary to see the tasks.
- If homework is not handed in three times in a row, you will be informed.
- Please support your child with home learning and if you have any queries about a homework task, please write a note in the home school planner before the due date.

Extras (further learning)

Extras (further opportunities for learning at home):

- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Reading Eggs
- My Maths
- HWB - J2E

Reading

- Guided Reading carried out in class time, addressing a wide range of reading skills.
- Individual Reading - one to one reading with an adult in the class.
- Home Reading- Please read with your child at home at least 3 times a week. The reading stamps reward scheme is continuing!
- An adult in the class will check your child's understanding of their current home/school reading book before changing to a new one, to ensure progression.

PE

- On Wednesdays (Y3 PE day), children should come into school wearing their PE kit, in order to avoid changing time and adult assistance.
- Trainers, black joggers/leggings/shorts and a St Joseph's white polo shirt should be worn.
- No jewellery should be worn on these days.
- Please tie long hair back.
- Your child will stay in their PE kit on Wednesdays.
- All children are expected to participate in PE sessions, unless there is a medical exception. A note to the teacher is needed to explain this.

Reminders

- Punctuality - Please remember to be on time for the start and end of the school day to avoid crowds and ensure safe entry and exiting.
- Please adhere to social distancing rules when waiting for your child to enter and exit the school building.
- If you have any queries or need to contact your child's teacher, please contact the school office as we cannot allow parents or carers into the school building at this time.
- Labelling - Please clearly label your child's school uniform and belongings.

Reminders continued...

- If you are sending cash into school, please ensure that it is an envelope, clearly labelled with the name, class and amount. Most payments are encouraged to be made through Squid.
- Medication - If your child requires prescribed medication, please request a medication administration form from the school office.
- Please ensure that asthma pumps and epi-pens are in date and in school, if needed during the day.
- Please check your child's hair regularly and tie it back where possible.
- Please update your personal information with the school office. Ensure that the correct contact details are available in case of emergency or illness.

We are confident your child will enjoy their time in Y3.

We always encourage the children to communicate any worries or problems with us during the school day. If you do feel that you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. These appointments will be via phone call for the time being.

Thank you for your continued support.