



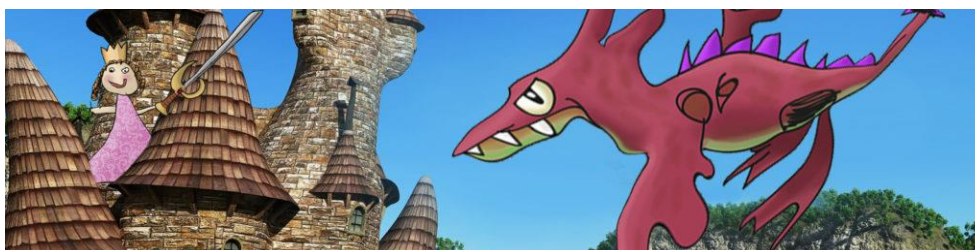
### A message from Mrs Marsh

*I would like to welcome you all back after the Christmas holidays; I hope you had a wonderful break. I would also like to thank you for the generous gifts and cards, it was very kind of you. We have got another busy and exciting term ahead of us! We will continue with our Phonic Immersion programme and begin a new and exciting topic. If you have any queries/questions at any point throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the Nursery team.*

### This term's topic is ...

#### Did Dragons exist?

*What are dragons? Who used to live and work in castles? Why are dragons important in Wales? We will explore these questions and more in this imaginative learning project.*



### Mathematics and Numeracy

*In our maths lessons this term we will be looking at number, shape and measuring. Your child will:*

- learn to count forwards, backwards and from a given number to 20,*
- continue to recognise numbers 1 to 10 and sequence them correctly,*
- learn to order and compare two or more objects in terms of mass/length/height,*
- learn the names and properties of basic 2D shapes.*

### Language, Literacy and Communication (English)

*Through our topic work we will be developing our skills in oracy, reading and writing. Your child will;*

- learn the letters and sounds e-p,*
- learn to form the letters in their name using the cursive font,*
- re-tell and sequence familiar stories,*
- follow stories that are being read to them and learn to respond appropriately,*
- continue writing emergently through a range of planned and enhanced free play activities, continue to develop their listening skills.*

### Expressive arts

*This term the children will produce paintings, pictures and crafts linked to our topic of dragons. They will also learn about Welsh folk music and take part in traditional dragon dances.*

### Health and well being

*In PE we will be learning how to travel in different ways. In social development, we will be learning to express and communicate different feelings and emotions.*

| Language, Literacy and Communication (Welsh)   | Science and Technology  |
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| <p><i>The children will continue to develop their basic Welsh skills, as well as listening and responding to Welsh stories and songs. They will learn about the importance of the Welsh dragon to Welsh history and culture.</i></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Humanities</b></p> <p><i>Through our topic, your child will begin to consider the concept of where we live, focusing on their local area. They will also continue to build on their knowledge of the past through learning about the purpose of castles and Welsh history.</i></p>   | <p><i>This term we will be learning to classify animals into groups such as birds, reptiles, mammals, fish and amphibians. We will investigate how to build a strong castle by learning about the properties of familiar materials.</i></p> |
| <p><b>How you can help your child</b></p>  |   |
| <p><i>I will continue to set a fun homework task at the end of each week, with the link to our sound of the week activities. Talking to your child about the sound and practising writing it will support their learning in school. Your child will still be visiting our class library on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please read this with your child and keep it in their bag to allow them to change it when they visit the library.</i></p> |   |
| <p><b>Useful Information (stick me on the fridge!)</b></p>   |   |
| <p><u><i>PE Kits and Wellies:</i></u><br/> <i>Please could all PE kits and wellies be returned to school so that we can continue with our Tiptoe Tuesday and PE activities taking place on a Wednesday. Remember to ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.</i></p>   | <p><u><i>Snack money:</i></u><br/> <i>£1 per week (on a Monday please) or £13 for the term.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>Contact information</b></p>  |   |
| <p>Email: <a href="mailto:Mayals.PrimarySchool@swansea-edunet.gov.uk">Mayals.PrimarySchool@swansea-edunet.gov.uk</a><br/>         Phone: 01792 402755<br/>         Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/MayalsPrimary">@MayalsPrimary</a><br/>         Website: <a href="http://mayals-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/">http://mayals-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/</a></p>   |   |

**If you have any queries or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

*Mrs Z. Marsh*