




Blwyddyn Pedwar

Spring Term 2020

Welcome back and a very happy new year! We hope you had a very restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thank you so much for all the generous gifts we received at Christmas – it was very kind and thoughtful.

This newsletter will replace the weekly newsletters. You will now receive a newsletter at the start and end of each half-term.

Our topic for this half term is 'Misty Mountain'. Please read below to see some of the activities that we will be covering.

Topic Misty Mountain 	<p>Welcome to the highest peaks in the world, where survival is difficult.</p> <p>As part of our Misty Mountain topic, the children will be forming research questions about how mountains are made and their inhabitants, and researching interesting facts about them. They will be locating mountainous regions around the world using globes, atlases and maps and identifying both natural and human features. The children will study the beautiful watercolours of mountain painters and investigate the natural environment, looking at pattern and texture. The children will research the development of exploration, as well as learning about the life of Sir Edmund Hillary. Our PE sessions will focus on Dance and exploring the principles underpinning competitive activities including attack and defence. During our DCF lessons, the children will be creating a range of presentations combining a variety of information and media.</p> <p>In Welsh our topic is 'Yr Ysgol'.</p>
Language, Literacy & Communication	<p>This term the children will be looking at writing a description- 'A Room with a View' where they learn to include all of the senses in their description. This will also improve their vocabulary choices, develop adjective word banks and improve sentence starters.</p> <p>We will be looking at the features of a biography and research famous mountaineers; gathering information to write our own biographies.</p> <p>In Oracy, we will be exploring different scenarios eg mountain rescue through role play and also discussing issues facing habitats with the development of tourism.</p>
Numeracy	<p>This half term the children will be looking at Fractions, which will include finding fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and improper and mixed numbers. The children will also explore Data Handling, reading and constructing bar and line graphs. During our reasoning lessons, the children will focus on selecting the appropriate mathematics and techniques to use and selecting from a range of checking strategies to decide if their answers are reasonable.</p>

As always, our door is open if you have a question or query.