



Dear/Annwyl Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays. We're all now ready for another busy half term! The information below outlines the activities planned for the Cheetahs this half term:

Literacy

This half term our Literacy lessons will focus on persuasive texts and discussion texts.

During lessons, we will spend time familiarising ourselves with each genre and its features whilst analysing a range of examples. This will prepare us for writing our own non-fiction books and stories. We will continue to carry out class debates and create persuasive letters, adverts and posters. We will be reading a range of poems by familiar poets and comparing their style.



The children have now been assessed in their spelling groups and are working within these groups for 3 sessions per week. **Please continue to support your child with any spellings they bring home.**

Your child will also take part in a guided reading session on a daily basis. They will be read with at least once a week and will be set tasks related to their reading book. A book will also be sent home. It is vital that the children read at home as well as in school and that they are supported with this. As well as listening to your child read, it is important that you ask them questions about the book to ensure they have understood what they're reading.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT BRINGING HOME BOOKS.

Maths

This half term in Maths we will be revising strategies we use to add, subtract, multiply and divide and develop these methods. We will also continue applying all Maths skills to a range of mathematical problems.



Maths homework will be sent home each week to reinforce topics covered so far.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT BRINGING MATHS HOMEWORK HOME.

I would also like to stress the importance of constantly revising times tables and multiples with your child at home. They need to be very familiar with all of their times tables up to their 10x table. We use them in many areas of maths and the children need to be confident and competent in their recall.

Science

This half term our science topic is Keeping Healthy. We will be talking about how food and exercise affects the body. We will be discussing the main organs and their uses in the body. We will discuss the effects of smoking, alcohol and drugs on the body.



Foundation Subjects

Welsh

Our Welsh lessons this half term will continue to focus on a poem *Yn y Parc*. We will be writing a writing a poem in Welsh. We will read Welsh poems.



Topic Work

Our topic this half term is the Olympics.

This project has a PE focus and teaches children about a range of sports and sporting events, the importance of exercise and healthy living and the history of the greatest sports event on Earth, the Olympics. At the heart of this project children write instructions and explanations and develop additional skills using the technical vocabulary associated with sport and the human body.

In the Innovate Stage, children will be applying their skills and understanding the topic by creating a range of new sports and games for the great Council of Athens. In this project the children will learn:

- About the different parts and functions of the human body including different muscle groups;
- About the importance of healthy eating and exercise;
- About the lives and culture of the ancient Greeks;
- How the Olympics originated and the importance of the Olympics today;
- About a range of other sports and activities;
- About team work, competition, perseverance and what makes a champion.

ICT (Information Communication Technology)

Our ICT lessons this half term will focus on publishing work using a variety of software.

P.E. (Physical Education)

The children will also be taking part in gymnastics every Thursday morning. Please ensure the children have their indoor PE kit in school every Thursday. The children will not need trainers, but we suggest they leave their PE kit in school all term. Trainers will be needed in school on a Friday for outside activities. Other than that, all they will need are school shorts (we recommend that they keep their polo shirts on for PE).



RE

Our topic this half term is Looking after the Environment. We will be looking at Buddhism and their love of all living creatures and the world.

PSE (Personal, Social and Emotional Education)

Our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic this half term is "Changes". We will be exploring the feelings and emotions people go through when changes are made, such as changing schools or classes.

Home Learning

Home learning is sent out on a **FRIDAY** and should be returned by the following **FRIDAY**.

Spellings are also sent out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Please support your child with both their homework and in learning their spellings and times tables.

Home learning is an integral part of your child's education as the activities are set to build on previously learned concepts or to introduce new ideas. It also allows you to have a greater insight into what your child is studying.

Rewards will be given for homework returned on time.

I hope you will find this information useful.

May I extend a warm invitation to anyone who is willing to help and support us in the classroom in any way. We are looking for volunteers to come in and listen to readers and help with PTA activities.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued co-operation and support. If you have any queries/questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

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