

Weekly Newsletter

March 26th 2021

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Kind regards,
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Dean Taylor



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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Well... we have arrived at the end of the Spring term. A few updates for the end of term and the beginning of next.

Covid-19

Please continue to inform us via the school e mail if your child has to go for a test and the result. Unfortunately, it still may be the case that I will have to contact you well in to next week to inform you that a class contact group will have to self-isolate for 10 days. If your child has any symptoms at all then please ensure you book a PCR test.

Parent Consultations

A reminder to fill in the Microsoft Form link sent to you recently so that we have your e mail of choice for Microsoft Teams meetings next term.

Summer 2021

A reminder of a few dates for the Summer term 2021:

Summer term starts on Monday April 12th 2021

Half term dates are Monday May 31st to Friday June 4th 2021.

Summer term ends for children on Friday July 16th 2021.

INSET Days

School will be closed for children on the following days:

Thursday 27th May

Friday 28th May

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July





Our **Nursery** pupils have practised the e sound of the week and made a sound book, practised mark making, enjoyed a sound hunt and matched sounds to different items. Numeracy activities involved weighing dinosaurs and using the vocabulary “heavier than and lighter than” to

compare weights. Pupils have also investigated how many blocks corresponded to the dinosaurs’ weights. They have counted sets of dinosaurs using 1:1 correspondence as well as designing and describing their own dinosaurs. They continue to complete activities to develop fine motor skills, pencil control and cutting skills. Pupils have also enjoyed throwing, catching, kicking and balancing in the Nursery garden to further develop their gross motor skills.

This week **Reception** pupils have been very busy discussing the topic “New Beginnings” and searching for signs of Spring. They have also been talking and writing about what Easter means to us and enjoyed designing lovely Easter cards for our families. Pupils have also been creating their own repeating patterns with pasta shell necklaces, sorting bears, unifix blocks and camel links. They have had lots of fun on their Easter egg hunts, reinforcing their bonds to 5 and looking for the missing eggs in Forest School. Our Reception pupils have also enjoyed using their creative skills to make bunny ears and Spring pictures.

Year 1 pupils have enjoyed listening to the Easter story. They worked with a partner to read sentences retelling the Easter story and matched them to the correct images. They placed the pictures in the correct order and retold the Easter story in their writing books. In Numeracy, pupils have revised o’clock and half past times whilst playing “What’s the time Easter bunny?” They also practised their subtraction skills by playing Easter subtraction board games in pairs and enjoyed a class Easter Subtraction quiz. In PE they hopped like the Easter bunny, leapt like a lamb and enjoyed an egg and spoon race. They had lots of fun making Easter chicks and designing and writing Easter cards to their families.

In Literacy, Language and Communication our **Year 2** pupils have continued with the story “Dear Dinosaur”. This time they have been looking at communicating via email. Pupils also wrote a book review about “Dear Dinosaur”. In Numeracy they have been investigating the 5 and 10 times tables and used these to work out multiplications of larger numbers. In RE pupils have been looking at the Easter story and discussed why we celebrate Easter. Expressive Arts activities have involved making Easter cards and having fun making Easter crowns. In our Wellbeing sessions pupils worked in teams to create a protective covering to prevent an egg breaking if it was dropped.

Literacy activities in **Year 3** have continued to be based around the story of The Snow Queen. Pupils have responded to images from the book, described Gerda and Kay’s relationship and written a list of personal and physical characteristics to write character descriptions of the Snow Queen. Numeracy work has centred on activities to explore the link between multiplication and division. Pupils have also investigated division with a remainder. Other numeracy activities include giving change from £10 using empty number lines as well as using Mathletics to apply their numeracy skills. They continue to learn about Christianity and looked at the beliefs and places of worship linked with the Christian faith. They also read the Easter story and discussed why we celebrate Easter. They have been revising their Welsh language patterns using their Welsh place mats and completed questionnaires based on their Wellbeing.

Year 4 pupils have continued to look at non-chronological reports, they have used their research notes to



plan, write, proofread and edit writing based on Komodo dragons. They have been developing their reading skills through Guided Reading sessions. Numeracy work has included revision of 2D shapes and their properties, pupils have investigated lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and designed a t-shirt with one line of symmetry and completed patterns on grids. They have also investigated tessellating shapes and created tessellating patterns. Pupils have enjoyed researching Natural Record Breakers including the highest mountain, the longest river and the biggest volcano. They researched where these “Record Breakers” are and plotted them on a world map. Wellbeing activities have included discussions about achievements we are proud of and what we would like to achieve in the future. They also shared thoughts about things we are all grateful for.

Our **Year 5** pupils have completed numeracy challenges linked to topics such as area and perimeter. Children have also designed their own shuttle run course, they have measured the course out on the yard before using it to run around during their PE lesson. In Literacy, pupils have focussed on biography writing, they read different biography articles and identified the key features of the genre. They carried out research on a celebrity of their choice and wrote a biography as a Big Write. In PE as well as running around our maths course designs, children have enjoyed some teamwork activities on the yard. In IT children have had the chance to play each other’s Kahoot quizzes on Chromebooks. Children have also completed pupil voice questionnaires on Chromebooks based on their Blended Learning experiences.

Year 6 pupils read the “Fox and the Squirrel” from Daniel Morden’s “Tales of the Dark Wood.” It is a tale of jealousy and sibling rivalry, very cleverly written using lots of repetition to help the reader remember the sequence of the story. It has an amazing cliff-hanger too! In Numeracy, pupils have continued to investigate the properties of numbers including square and cubed numbers and the order of operations as well as solving ratio problems. They have used their knowledge of square numbers to construct parachutes and planned a complex investigation about air resistance and gravity to find out whether their predictions were correct using the correct scientific vocabulary. Pupils have enjoyed planting cress, beans and sunflower seeds and taken them home to germinate. We are hoping to have “a host of golden sunflowers” along our fences and walls! The beans will eventually be transferred to our garden allotment for re-planting! We are hoping for sixty one green fingered pupils! Skills to use for life!



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Our very best wishes for a Happy Easter from all at Pentrepoeth. The school e mail will be checked periodically during the holiday break – please use e mail if you need to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
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Dean Taylor
Headteacher

