

Golden Thread: Consequences

Expedition: 'What happens when the colours change?'

Expressive Arts

Pupils will:

- Talk about hot and cold colours and compare these to weather/seasons
- Look for colours in nature
- Look at and discuss art work by Jackson Pollock
- Create pieces of season inspired artwork in the style of Jackson Pollock
- Create pieces of music to represent different weather
- Explore movement and dance to portray the different weathers
- Act out the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'

Humanities

Pupils will:

- Focus on the school values of HOPE and PEACE
- Explore the natural wonders of the world
- Talk about what makes the world special
- Take part in the Harvest festival
- Learn the important parts of the Christmas story
- Take part in Christmas celebrations

Health and Wellbeing

Pupils will:

- Develop independence
- Express emotions and communicate these using the 'Sut wyt ti?' board each morning
- Develop new friendships and understand what is needed to be a good friend
- Take part in regular PE sessions
- Use small and large equipment to develop coordination, balance, and fine and gross motor skills
- Do daily dough disco activities to strengthen finger and hand muscles

Science and Technology

Pupils will:

- Understand the changes in the seasons
- Understand why the colours change throughout the seasons
- Learn about different types of weather and complete a daily weather chart
- Design and make a rainbow ice lolly

Languages, Literacy and Communication

Pupils will:

- Daily phonics sessions – letter and sound recognition and formation
 - Regular reading and reading activities
 - Develop story telling skills based on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'
 - Develop story writing skills
 - Write a fact file about the different seasons
 - Perform a weather poem
 - Write poems to describe the seasons
- Welsh language development**
- Ask for lunch/snack in Welsh
 - Sing songs and rhymes
 - Listen to simple Welsh stories
 - Take part in daily 'Helpwr Heddiw' sessions, asking and answering questions

Maths and Numeracy

Pupils will:

- Sing number songs and rhymes
- Count up to 5/10/20 objects
- Practise correct number formation
- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 10/20 from any starting point
- Count in steps of 2s and 10s
- Use a range of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems
- Explore 2D and 3D shapes – discussing names and properties, using them to create pictures and models



Dosbarth Willow Important Information



Welcome to Dosbarth Willow! We are very proud of how well all the children have already settled into class. It has been lovely getting to know our new Reception children and seeing how much our Year 1's have grown over the Summer. Our expedition for the Autumn term is 'What happens when the colours change?'. The topic web will show you some of the skills we will be covering this term.

Reading – Reading books will need to be brought in on a Monday and books will be changed overnight and be sent home on a Tuesday. To begin with, the Reception children will receive picture books without words and some simple key words which will prepare them for reading. These are an important stepping stone and will give your child the chance to talk about what is happening in the pictures. Allow them to 'tell the story' in their own words, asking lots of questions to get them thinking and developing their language. As your child progresses, we will send home more key word cards. Please read/practise key words at home with your child regularly – little and often is key!

Book bags – We would encourage the children to bring book bags every day as this makes transporting items/pieces of paper etc. much easier for them and helps to develop their independence.

Welly Wednesday – We have started with our Welly Wednesday sessions. These take place whatever the weather so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school every Wednesday (wellington boots, a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers if you have them). You are more than welcome to leave a pair of wellies in school. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on all items.

Uniform – Please support your child by encouraging them to be independent when putting on and taking off jumpers, coats and shoes. Children should be prepared for PE at all times which means trainers should be worn daily. All items of clothing must also be labelled. Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day – we have seen some very changeable weather these first two weeks!

We look forward to an exciting Autumn term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Brookman and Mrs Taylor-Gibbs