

# Foundation Class 1

## Newsletter - Autumn Term 2024

This half-term our topic is '**Magical Me**'. As part of this topic we will be:

Listening to a range of traditional and modern stories. Our Focus Books are;

- The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson
- *Our Class is a Family* Shannon Olson
- *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle
- *Polar Bear, Polar Bear What do you Hear?* By Bill Martin/Eric Carle
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See?* By Bill Martin/Eric Carle
- *Nora, the girl who ate and ate* by Andrew Neale
- *The Big Smelly Bear* by Britta Teckenturp
- *The Roar* by Eoin McLaughlin
- *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen
- *The Very Best Hug* by Smitri Halls and Alison Bowen
- *Binny's Diwali* by Thrity Umrigar
- *Ruby's First Diwali*

We will be;

- Exploring our likes and dislikes - getting to know each other and our new environments.
- Creating different autumn themed crafts using a range of resources and materials.
- Developing our oracy and writing skills by contributing to recounts and making recount maps using the 5Ws - who? what? where? when? why?
- Creating instructions for 'A Recipe for a Friend'
- Learning Welsh vocabulary and phrases to support us in asking and answering questions. Listening to stories about Tedi Twt.
- Familiarising ourselves with simple French phrases and songs.
- Exploring and developing our number skills in lots of practical ways such as finding out how 'big' and 'small' things are in our classroom and outdoor area
- Developing our recognition of 2D and 3D shapes. Learning about properties of these shapes.
- Investigating shadows through practical experiments and activities as part of our main Science Investigation.
- Learning about our 5 senses and why/how we need these every day.
- Using JiT to create a self portrait. Developing our coding skills using Beebot.
- Exploring our outdoor area to complete focused tasks - natural art, number hunts, looking at habitats, creating patterns, outdoor construction work, preparing our allotment area.

### PE Sessions

PE will take place on a **Friday**. Please could you ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school i.e. tshirt, joggers and trainers. Learners will not be permitted to change into their kit in school.



### Reading Books



We will send Read, Write Inc sound cards, word flashcards and/or a reading book home with your child. Please return their flashcards/book once you have practised them with your child. This will enable us to monitor progress and assess when your child is ready to learn new sounds or change their reading book. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Snack Time/Amser Snac



The cost of a daily snack per week is £1. This can be paid weekly or termly. This half term the cost is £8. The cost for the full term is £15. We use any money raised (following the purchase of snacks) to purchase resources for our class such as baking/decorating items, craft resources or new activities for the children. Snack Time is a very important part of our daily routine, it supports social skills, numeracy development and enables our learners to take on the roles of 'Weekly Helpers'.

We intend to spend lots of time exploring our outdoor learning environment. If you would like your child to change their footwear then please send in a pair of wellies in a bag clearly labelled with your child's name. These wellies can remain on your child's peg. It is important that your child brings a jacket or coat with a hood to school every day as we will be outside in different weather conditions.

Please keep an eye out for updates and information about weekly events on **Piota**, our new school app.

Many thanks for your support. We are looking forward to a fun term 😊.

Miss Singleton and Mrs Littler