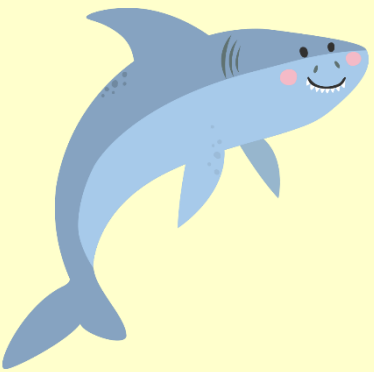


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Welcome Back, Year 3/4!



We hope that you all had a brilliant Summer. It's been wonderful to have the children back in school, getting to know them even better and hearing about their holiday adventures. During our first week back, we focused on settling into the class and reminding ourselves of expectations and responsibilities. We've created some classroom guide lines to help keep us all safe, happy and ready to learn. We've also worked hard to develop a Growth Mindset and to understand that learning is all about trying our best, even if at first we don't succeed. Both myself and Ms. Stevens are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Topic Overview

Our first topic of the year is It's a Small World. The children be finding out about life in different countries, things that are similar and things that are different. Later in the year, our topics will be Gofal and The Romans. I will provide more information on these at a later date.



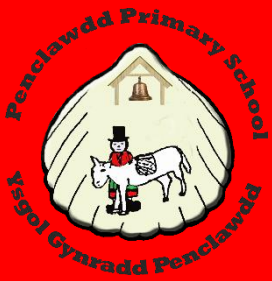
Our Big Questions:

- How many countries are there in the world?
- How do other countries compare to Wales/ Penclawdd? (physical and human)
- What traditions/ festivals do they celebrate in other countries?
- What types of food do they eat in other countries?

Engage/ visitors

To kick start our topic, we will hold a Welsh day in school. Similar to St. David's day, this day will help us learn more about Wales and appreciate how special it is. We will be inviting speakers into school from various countries around the world to find out what life was like for them in their country. We will also be sampling a range of foods from different countries and then use this information to inspire our own menus.





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Literacy

Over the course of the year, we'll cover a wide range of books and texts during our literacy sessions. We generally have literacy lessons on a daily basis throughout the week. One of these sessions focuses on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. This half term, we will study a book called 'Here I am'. The book focuses on a little boy who has moved to a new country. We will be doing lots of character study, describing settings and using inference skills to find hidden meanings in the story.

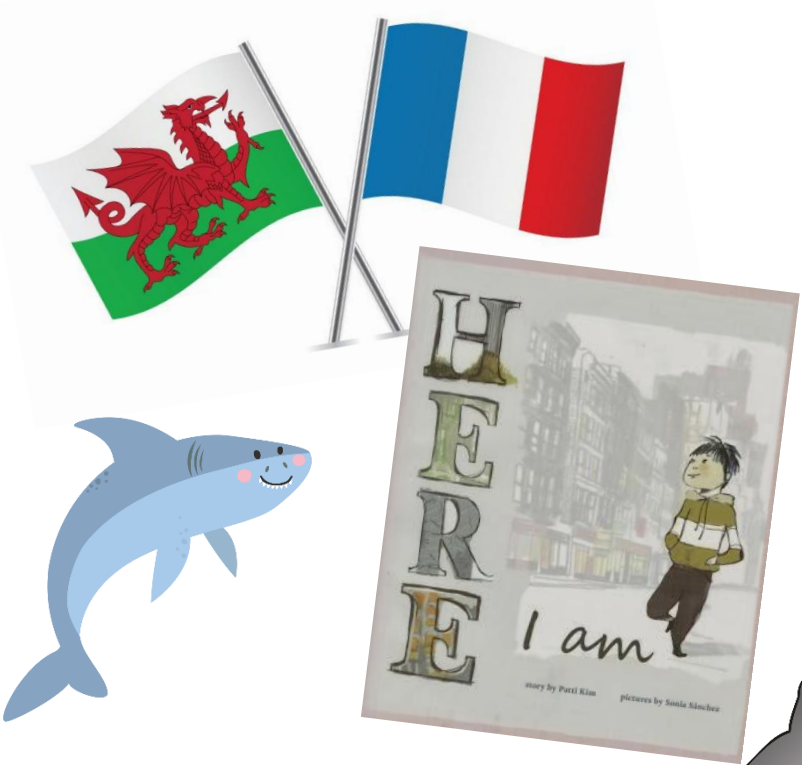
Following this, the children will learn the features of explanation writing. We plan to write a text to explain to people how to travel on holiday by plane.



Welsh and French

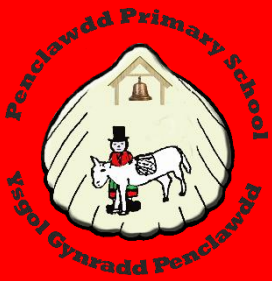
We learn Welsh daily during 'Slot Drilio' sessions. These are quick, fun activities that reinforce vocabulary and sentence patterns.

We also have separate Welsh lessons to extend our knowledge of the Welsh language through new sentence patterns, vocabulary, reading and writing. This term, we'll focus on giving basic information about ourselves as well as developing our understanding of the past tense. Alongside Welsh, we will also be learning French. We will start with greetings and learning numbers.



Our September Right of the Month is:
Article 28 : The Right To Education





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Numeracy

Like Literacy, the children usually receive Numeracy lessons on a daily basis. On a Friday, we usually do outdoor maths lessons to embed skills learnt during the week. This term, we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and subtraction. All of the teaching will build on the children's previous learning. They will start to learn more advanced methods of calculation so that they can begin to add, subtract, multiply and divide larger numbers.

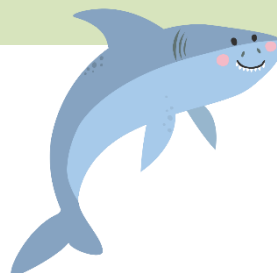
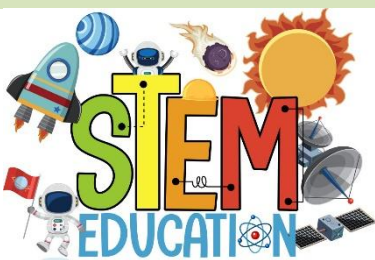
Science & Technology

Our Science topic for this term is Electricity. We will start by learning about different electrical components of circuits and their matching symbols. We will then look at making our own simple circuits and testing circuits to find faults or identify how to make them work.

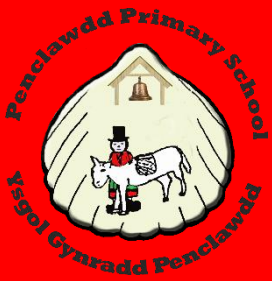
Digital Skills (DCF Focus)

Throughout the year, we continue to develop our computer skills through focused computer lessons and applying skills across the curriculum. We will firstly learn to store any digital work correctly so that we are able to keep our files organised and locate our work when we need to find it. We'll also learn how to use search engines safely so that we can carry out research linked to our topic work. We'll learn how to send and reply to emails and attach documents to share our work.

We're always promoting online safety and ensuring that the children know how to keep themselves safe when using devices. We also ensure that they know who they can talk to if they are ever worried about something online.



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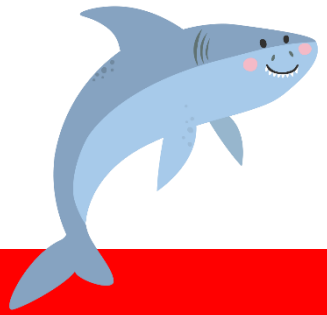
The focus of our topic work this term will be Geography, with some elements of History also explored. As part of our topic, It's a Small World, we'll spend time learning about where we live. We'll carry out fieldwork in our locality to find out; What makes it special? Which types of building do we have? What jobs do people have? Where are we on a map? We'll also learn key facts such as capital cities, rivers and mountains. Once we have discovered more about where we live, we'll then find out about life in other countries and compare them to Wales. We're excited to welcome visitors from other countries to find out what life was like for them their. We'll also sample foods from both Wales and other countries and identify our favourite cuisines.



RVE

Each year, the children learn about different religious and non religious cultures from around the world. This term, we will be learning about Sikhism. We will find out about:

- . The 3 pillars of Sikhism
- . 10 Gurus and Guru Granth Sahib
- . Gurdwara in Wales





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Expressive Arts

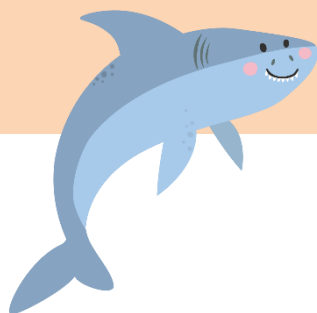
This term, we'll be developing our drawing, painting, dance, poetry and drama skills. We will study work by Welsh and international artist and use it to influence our own creativity. We'll learn traditional dances from both Wales and other countries and perform them. In Literacy, we'll be inspired by reading Here I am to create our own poetry and then perform it. We'll also take on the role of different characters in the book in drama activities.



Health & Wellbeing

This term, we will focus on understanding differences, kindness and empathy. We'll be learning about a variety of different cultures and understanding differences and similarities with each other. We'll also be taking part in World Mental Health Day, Odd Sock and Anti Bullying Week.

In our PE sessions, we'll focus on developing the basic skills of throwing, catching and movement. Once these skills have been developed, we'll be able to apply them to a variety of different team games. We'll also focus on developing core skills such as balance, agility, jumping and running.



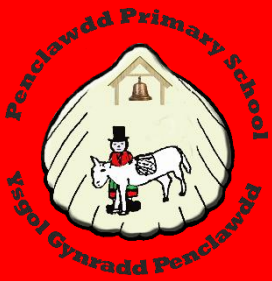
The fruit trolley is fully stocked and ready for customers – **30p per day.**

Healthy School Reminder 💧

As part of our commitment to being a healthy school, we kindly ask that children **only bring water** to drink during the school day. This helps promote good habits, supports concentration, and encourages healthy choices

Warm Autumn Treat! 🍲

After half term, we'll be serving homemade vegetable soup—a cosy and healthy option for chilly days! Available to buy at school, it's a delicious way to warm up and enjoy fresh, seasonal ingredients.

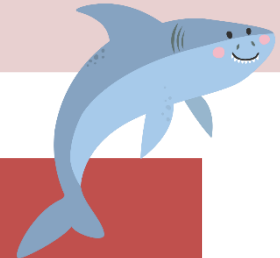


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Reminders

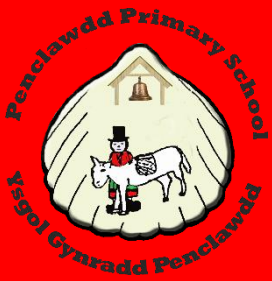
Day	Activity	Information
Tuesday and Thursday	PE	Please ensure children have a change of kit (shorts, t-shirt) and appropriate footwear for PE. If the weather is good, we will try to get outside as much as possible. We always encourage children to change before and after a PE lesson but they will always be able to do PE, even if they forget to bring their kit, providing they have suitable, safe footwear.
Wednesday	PPA	Mr. Culpin teaching the class
Thursday	Outdoor learning	Please ensure the children have wellies/ change of shoes and a waterproof coat for this day.
Friday	Library	Children have the chance to visit our School Library to select a reading book.



Diary Dates

September	15/09/25 International Day of Democracy Pupil Groups voting 22/9/25 International cuisine tasting in school £3 donation 24/09/25 National Fitness Day Autumn Sports Day 25/9/25- Visitors from other countries visiting the class.
October	1/10/25 - 31/10/25 Black History Month 10/10/25 World Mental Health Day 15/10/25 Shwmae Day 23/10/25 Harvest @ Tabernacle— Parents invited
November	10/11/25 World Science Day 10/11/25 - Odd Sock Day 10/11/25 - 14/11/25 Anti Bullying Week 11/11/25 Remembrance Day 14/11/25 BBC Children In Need 20/11/25 Universal Children's Day School

December dates to be shared after half term



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Literacy, Maths, Topic and Reading Spine- please find on our online class page

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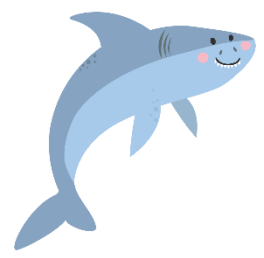
How can you support at home

Spelling	Children have now been sent their block of spelling words to learn. These words are based on assessments done in school last summer. The children do regular spelling activities throughout the week and are tested on their words each Friday. Please support your child by practising these words with them regularly. Click here for our spelling resources.
Reading Books	Reading books have been sent home. We always encourage reading at home as much as possible. Children will take part in guided reading sessions, reading based work in their literacy as well as being listened to read during the school week. Take a look at our termly reading spine for some wonderful books to read with your child. https://www.penclawddprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=167&type=pdf
Times Tables & One Minute Maths	Learning times tables helps children with so many different aspects of maths. Your child has access to fun games such as TT Blast via their Hwb account.

SeeSaw
If you have not yet received your Seesaw code, please contact us as soon as possible. Weekly updates—including important information, photographs, and highlights of classroom activities—will be shared via Seesaw. Please note that during teaching hours, I may not be able to respond to messages immediately. If your message is urgent, kindly contact the school office directly.



Be On Time!
Please ensure your child arrives promptly for school each day. Lessons begin at 8:50am, and a calm, punctual start helps children settle quickly and get the most from their learning.



Attendance
Please report your child's absence via this form - [click here](#)