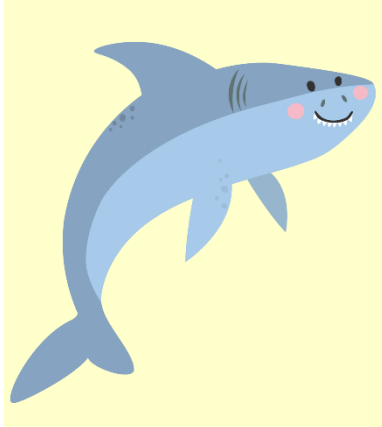


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Happy New Year, Year 3/4!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holidays and a well earned rest. We had an amazing Autumn term. The children learnt lots of new skills across the curriculum which we'll continue to build on throughout the year. We're looking forward to the Spring term and new learning experiences.

Topic Overview

Our topic for this term is *Gofal*. We will focus on looking after ourselves and the world around us so we can feel happy, healthy, and safe. We will learn about eating healthy food, being active, getting enough sleep, and talking about our feelings. We will also look at how we can care for the environment, and being kind to animals and people all help make our world a better place.



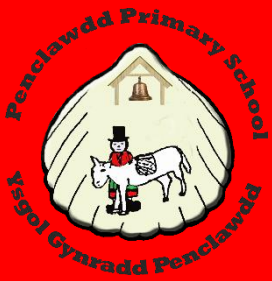
Our Big Questions:

- How well do we look after our local environment?
- What more could we do to look after it?
- How can we look after our own health and well-being?
- What wildlife do we have in our local environment?
- How can we ensure wildlife is cared for?
- How do our actions impact on the wider world?



Engage/ visitors

To kick start our topic, *Size of Wales* will visit us and hold a workshop on deforestation. We also have a trip to *Big Meadow Farm* on Monday 12th January. There, the children will learn about sustainable growing and farming. They will get the chance to plant, harvest and eat locally grown produce.



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Literacy

Our literacy this term will focus around our topic, *Gofal*. This half term, we will study the film 'Inside Out'. We will develop inference skills by focusing on the different characters and finding out why they behave as they do.

The children will have opportunities to develop their creative writing skills by creating their own type of emotion, keeping an emotions diary and writing a descriptive piece about a scene from the film. We will develop our oracy skills by taking part in a debate and role playing one of the emotions from the film.

Following this, the children will learn the features of instruction writing. We plan to write a text to help people with an element of well-being.



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 more on past tense sentence patterns and associated vocabulary. Alongside Welsh, we will also continue to learn French.



Our January Right of the Month is:
 Article 29 : To be the best that you can be





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Numeracy

This term, we will be learning about:

- *Written methods of multiplication and division*- We will build on the good work from last term to help solve more advanced calculations. We will focus on using the column method for multiplication and 'bus stop method' for division.
- *Length, area and perimeter*- We will further our understanding of measuring length in millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres. We will learn new methods for calculating the area and perimeter of shapes.
- *Fractions*- We extend our knowledge of fractions and introduce the children to finding fractions of quantities and adding and subtracting unit fractions.

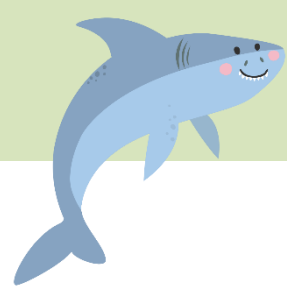
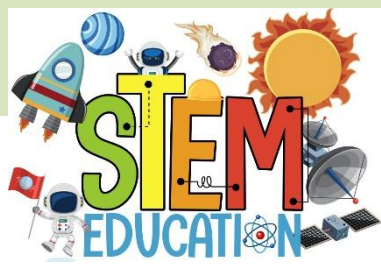
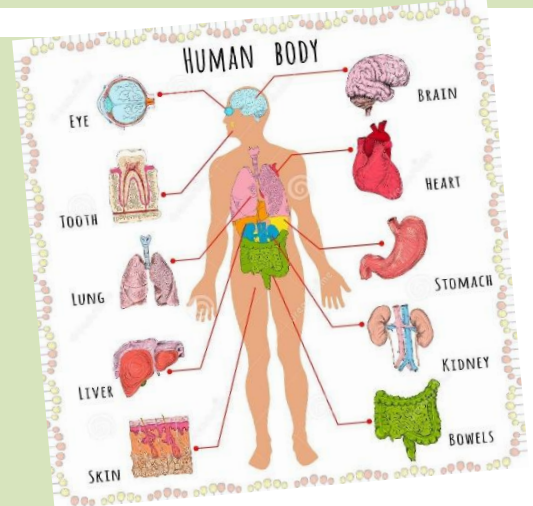
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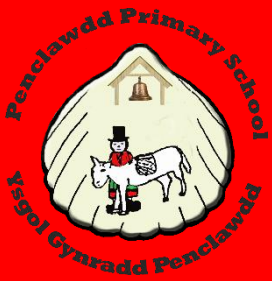
Our Science topic for this term is Humans and Animals. We will start by learning about the importance of eating a balanced diet. We will then learn about the major organs in the human body and their functions. We will also look at animals and how they are similar and different to humans.

Digital Skills (DCF Focus)

We will continue to develop our computer skills through focused computer lessons and applying skills across the curriculum. This term, we will focus on data and computational thinking. We will learn how to set up a spreadsheet and extract data. We'll also begin to look at the basics of coding.

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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Humanities

Although our main focus for the term is Health and Wellbeing, we will also look at how we can look after our local environment.

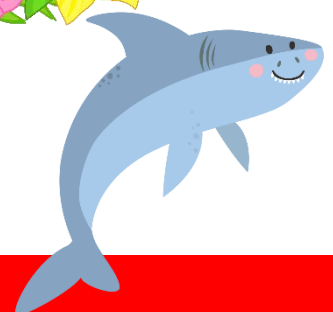
We will focus on sustainable living, what we can do to be good global citizens.

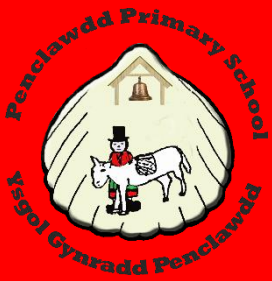
We will learn about environmental issues and current projects within our local area that help to protect it. We will also find out what makes Penclawdd and Wales such a special place to live.



RVE

This term, we will be investigating prayer. We will ask:
How many people pray in the UK? Do more people pray alone or with others?
Why is prayer important to religious people?
Why do some non-religious people pray?
What do the traditional prayers in Islam, Judaism, Christianity and Hinduism teach us about God?
We will also celebrate St. Dwynwen's Day and St. David's Day.





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Expressive Arts

This term, we'll be developing our drawing, modelling, painting and poetry skills. We will look to create models inspired by nature using recycled materials. We'll also learn about self-portraits and the importance of proportion when drawing. We will use our literacy work to inspire us to write and perform our own poetry. We'll also be looking at nature around us and capturing it in drawings and painting.

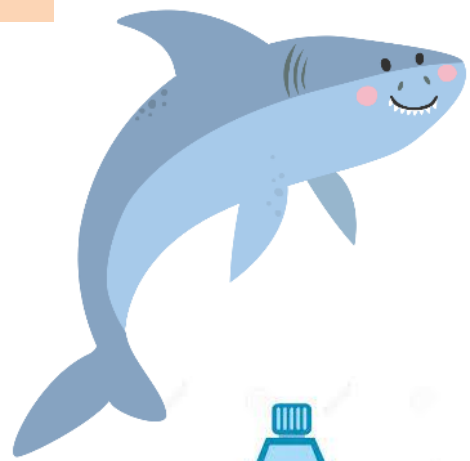


Health & Wellbeing

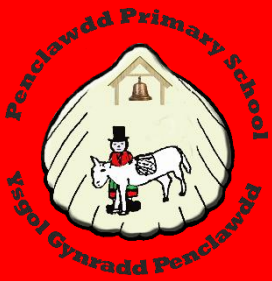
This term, we will focus on the well-being of ourselves and others. We'll look at the qualities of both ourselves and our friends. We will learn how to keep ourselves both mentally and physically healthy.

In our PE sessions, we'll focus on developing our creative skills through dance.

We will also be starting swimming lessons this term. More information on this will be provided shortly.



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



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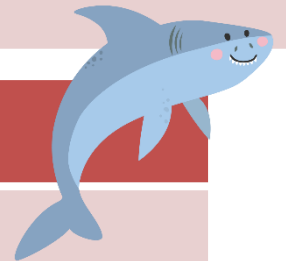
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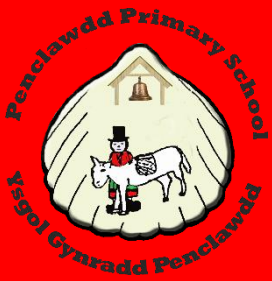
Reminders

Day	Activity	Information
Wednesday 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 will be teaching the class. During this time, the class will continue their work in numeracy and literacy. They will also do PE and have lessons in French, RVE and Music.
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

January	12/1/26- Trip to Big Meadow Farm 25/1/26- St. Dwynwen's Day
February	9/2/26- Children's Mental Health Week 10/2/26- Safer Internet Day 13/2/26- Dydd Miwsig Cymru
March	2/3/26- St. David's Celebration 5/3/26- World Book Day 9/3/26- British Science Week 17/3/26- Sharing our learning to parents (more information to follow) 20/3/26- Red Nose Day 23-24/3/26- Parents Evening





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HOME LEARNING

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

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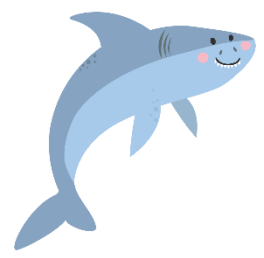
How can you support at home

Spelling	Children have now been sent their block of spelling words to learn. These words continue from last term. We will reassess the children before February half term. 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	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=189&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
 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](#)