

## Summer Newsletter - Year 2 Dosbarth Afal

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see the children back safe and well after the Easter holidays. The children were very excited to share all their holiday news. We have a very busy last term ahead, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and activities that will be taking place.

This term we will be focusing on creative writing, as well as lots of outdoor learning.

The children will be developing their writing skills to write short stories. They will work collaboratively with their peers and independently using discussion and written plans before writing. We will then be working on the spelling of key words, clear finger spaces and using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to mark each sentence, as well as starting sentences in a variety of ways and extending sentences using different connectives.

### Reading and Key words

The partnership between home and school is vital in helping your child's reading development. Reading every day with your child at home, as well as practising sounds/keywords/spelling, really does make the difference to help your child make progress. Please can all book bags be returned to school every **Monday**.

### Maths

To continue to develop and consolidate maths skills please practice at home:

- Counting on and back in 10's, 5's and 2's to 100 and beyond, as well as counting on and back in 10's from a given number (e.g. 23, 33, 43, 53 ...)
- 10-, 5- and 2-times tables
- Telling the time: o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.
- Days of the week and months of the year.
- Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes.
- Learn Its - Number bonds to 10 and 20, doubles to 20, adding 1, 2, 3 and 4 to 1digit numbers.
- Using standard units to measure/reading scales (e.g. length, height and distance: metres, half metres or centimetre; weight/mass: kilograms or 10-gram weights; capacity: litres)
- Problem solving - 1 step and 2 step problems

### Some 'House Keeping' Items

**Sun Safety** - We will be spending lots of time outdoors and we are hoping this warm and sunny weather will continue. Please send your child in with a hat each day, as well as applying sun cream each morning before school. A waterproof coat may also be required!

**Physical Development** - Some Wednesday afternoon activities need shoes and sometimes socks to be removed. Please can you make sure that your child can remove them and put them back on independently. Thank you!

**Snack Time** - Please can water bottles be named clearly in a permanent pen/sticker. Also, a reminder that only one small snack is needed on a 'Free Friday'.

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to come and talk to us, we are always available early before the morning bell or after school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Sully