

Dosbarth Elm CURRICULUM NEWS
AUTUMN 2023



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome to Dosbarth Elm. We really hope that you had a restful summer break.

The children have already settled into school and it has been lovely to hear all of their summer news.

This term, we will be developing their skills and knowledge through a topic based around the whole school theme of 'Change .' We have an exciting and interesting history in Wales, and we will be particularly focussed on medieval times and looking at the power struggles between various Welsh princes and leaders from other countries and how this lead to changes in the boundaries of Wales and its leadership. The children will look at how this history shaped Wales and how it has changed over time. If you have any resources – books etc we would love to borrow them (we will take great care !)

In the table below, we have outlined the activities we are planning. Some activities however, will be 'child led' as the children decide for themselves what they would like to discover about this topic through their own independent research.

We will have a session every Tuesday afternoon which will be used for PE, games, the daily mile or yoga. Could you please provide your child with PE kit suitable for indoor and outdoor activities. ****Kit should be worn to school on the designated P.E Day (Tuesday), worn home and then washed ready for next lesson.****

****Please provide your child with a labelled water bottle. Water bottles should be taken home at the end of each day, washed and then returned the following day. ****

As ever, our weather is unpredictable, so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for both warm ,cold and wet conditions.

Homework will be set on a *Thursday* and needs to be completed by the following *Wednesday*. Please help your child by checking their work to ensure that it is neatly presented and any comments on any support they needed would be appreciated. Please support your child by encouraging him/her to read every day and continue to practise their times tables – such essential skills!

If you have any concerns or queries during the term, please do not hesitate to contact us .

Thank you for your support.

Ms Price, Mrs Hadall

Area of Learning	Activities
Language, literacy and communication skills	Creative writing - Medieval stories legends etc Letter writing Diary writing - life of a knight Factfiles- independent research Presentations - Cymraeg/ Welsh- hobbies, talking about our favourite hobbies in Welsh.
Mathematics and Numeracy	Place value, multiplication , division, times tables . Symmetry, shape, coordinates and measure will be linked to topic.
Humanities	Timeline of Medieval Wales. Princes of Wales/ Owain Glyndwr Henry VII- First Tudor king with Welsh links How the boundaries of Wales have changed from medieval times .Edward I's castles Welsh princesses- Nest and Gwenllian
Science and technology	Light and sound - How both light and sound travel - How we see, how we hear . properties of light and sound . Study of shadows and how they change length etc(use of sundials in medieval times) Organising files in IT Saving work, creating and naming folders Importing photographs Internet safety
Health and Wellbeing	All about me - Personality traits, strengths weaknesses, likes and dislikes. Recognising emotion, how to help myself and others emotions. Naming emotion and building on known vocabulary. 5 ways to wellbeing Meditation
Expressive Arts	Mythical creatures sketching, painting creating. Story telling of the legend around the Welsh dragon.Cross stitch.
Religion, Values and Ethic.	We will be looking at and comparing the religions Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. The influence faith has had on people. Christian and school values.

