

Class 8 Autumn Term 2024

During the Autumn Term our topic will be 'Just because we can, does that mean we should?' Throughout the topic we will study the different types of weather and how they make us feel using our senses. We will look at the different seasons and what typical weather we have during these. We will be going outdoors to experience the different weather types. We will then go on to study some types of extreme weather like flooding, drought, tornadoes, blizzard etc and how these can affect people's lives. We will be looking at simple actions that can help prevent extreme weather, for example planting trees, saving water, recycling. I have my fingers crossed we do not get too wet when exploring the wetter weathers.

Numeracy

Big Maths skills will be taught on a daily basis throughout the week in preparation for weekly assessments which will begin in the Summer Term in Year One. Children in both Reception and Year One will be introduced to the concepts included in all areas of Big Maths throughout the curriculum and in provision both indoors and out.

OTHER INFORMATION

Once again, we will be using Schoop as a method of communication. We would really appreciate you signing up to the Schoop app (**Schoop ID: 9740**) to receive notifications and messages. Additionally, follow our school twitter account **@MaesybrynP** which regularly shares and celebrates children's achievements, successes, and school updates. Please ensure your child is able to log-in to the ICT platform **Seesaw**. Homework tasks will be sent home on Seesaw. New QR codes will be sent home.



Suggested ways in which you can support literacy and numeracy:

Literacy: Encourage your child to write their name/ family members names as much as possible on cards etc Help your child to write lists, labels etc. Encourage your child to point out key sounds and tricky words at story time and when out and about in the environment. Practice letter formation and handwriting with your child at home to support their learning.

Maths: Encourage your child to form their numbers correctly. Ask them to help with counting whilst out and about eg. shopping, cooking etc. Encourage your child to point out various shapes they see eg. road signs, buildings etc. Help your child to solve simple problems at home eg. How many knives, forks/sets of cutlery etc. do we need for dinner? Play board games to help develop Numeracy skills.

READING

Reading books will continue to be sent home. Once your child is ready, they will have a **selected day** to return their reading book each week. Please use the yellow reading diary to communicate with your child's teacher on their reading progress at home each week. Question your child on what they are reading, it really does make a difference!

Year One children will receive a purple spelling folder every Monday with weekly spellings, to be returned every Friday for a Spelling Assessment.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please can all uniform ,coats, hats and scarves etc be clearly labelled to avoid lost property. Fruit/Veg for Snack and a **water** bottle should be brought in every day. Please can this be clearly labelled. A lunch box only needs to be brought in if your child is packed lunch. P.E sessions will take place on:
Class 8: Day- Tuesday
Please can your child bring into school their PE Kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, leggings/joggers and trainers (velcro straps). Please could the children bring in a pair of labeled wellies that can be left in school ready for our wet and muddy adventures

Mathematics and Numeracy

Collect rainfall and measure to see how much it has rained. Is it more or less than the day before?

Collect Autumn items and sort them by size, shape, colour etc.

Compare the temperature in the morning/afternoon. Is it warmer/colder?

Useful websites and Apps to help at home

Phonics play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Top marks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Apps

Teach your monster to read

Hairy Letters- letter formation

Write numbers Tracing 1,2,3- Number Formation

Teach your Monster Number skills.

Twinkl phonics.

Health and Wellbeing!

Go for a walk in the outdoors during different weather. How does the weather make you feel? What do you like doing in the different weather? What is your favorite weather?

Here are some ideas to help your child engage in our new topic.



Here is to another busy and exciting term!
Thank you for all your support. Diolch yn fawr!

Mrs Parker

Literacy

There are lot's of stories about the different weather. Can you find out any interesting facts about different weathers and share them with the class.

Compulsory SeeSaw Pupil Voice Task to be completed by 30th September 2024. Details of the task can be found on your child's class SeeSaw page.

Expressive Arts

Can you paint a picture outside using rain water?

Can you collect Autumn items and create a collage/picture out of them?

Can you learn a song about weather?

Can you make a rain maker using rice and a tube?

Science and Technology

Can you go for a walk in the woods or forest and look for the signs of Autumn. What colour are the leaves? What animals can you see? Can you find out about what animals hibernate in the winter.

Humanities

Can you think about extreme weathers?

What can we do to help prevent extreme weathers for example recycle, not waste water, walking instead of driving etc.

Can you find out about weather in different countries? Is it the same or different