

Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:
Friday 9th May

Reminders

•**Word Walls** - Please continue to practise the sight words often, as we will review them regularly. These words are 'look & say' words and should be recognised and read without decoding. Rapid recognition improves reading accuracy and fluency. As a further challenge, your child could also learn to spell the words to aid writing fluency.

•**P.E. Kit** -Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school, for both indoor **and outdoor** activities. Suitable outdoor footwear will be required (eg trainers or plimsoles). P.E days are on **Monday** and **Thursday** every week.

•**Reading Folders & Books** -After listening to your child read, please sign and date the reading record and add a comment, if desired. Then, return the book bag, reading book and reading record on the day allocated to your child.

•**Twitter** - Photographs of your children and updates on class activities are uploaded to **@ysgolyddraig**. Look out for **#Thaw**.

•**Website** - www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

Monday 13th May - Please return any outstanding consent forms for the 'Personal Development and Relationships Education' programme.

If you have any queries relating to your child's learning or otherwise, please do not hesitate to call in and see us.

Diolch yn fawr.

Mrs Birmingham (Class Teacher) and Mrs Roberts (Class LSA).

This week...

We started the week by watching a short film about some of the animals that live in a rainforest. With a partner, we had to record some of the facts that we had learned and share them with the class. We compared what we might see and hear in the rainforest with what we'd see or hear in our own environment. We found some similarities and many differences! We recorded some of our ideas in our writing books using correctly formed sentences and trying to include some interesting vocabulary. We have also learned a great song to help us remember the major continents of the world and we discovered the location of Brazil and Rio by looking at a simple map of the world. As a rainforest is very humid and hot, we have learned how to read the temperature on a thermometer. It is quite tricky to read the scale and we had to look very carefully.

We learned that as the temperature gets hotter, the liquid in the thermometer rises and as it gets cooler, the liquid drops down again. Later in the week, we revisited 2-d shapes and learned about the properties of 3-d shapes and some new vocabulary such as, faces, vertices and apex!

We had to describe the shapes using the correct vocabulary and sort shapes according to different properties. We've also had fun trying to work out some tricky picture puzzles; having to decide which picture completed a sequence, which picture matched a set of other pictures and which picture could complete a pattern on a grid. Lots of thinking and problem solving skills were needed. But we all enjoyed the challenge! In R.E., we have found out about the Sikh baby naming ceremony called 'Naam Karan'. We watched a video of a typical ceremony and then used lego kits to try to make our own Sikh place of worship called a Gurdwara (temple). We have all found out the meaning of our own names and some of us talked about a time when we had attended a baby naming ceremony, such as a Baptism or Christening.

Home Learning

Thank you to the children who have already completed a piece of Home Learning for our summer term topic, Rio de Vida. We can now begin to develop our classroom topic display wall celebrating all of your wonderful work! We look forward to seeing many more examples of work in the coming weeks!

Don't forget that you can find our Home Learning grid on the Ysgol y Ddraig website under the 'Home Learning' on the home page.

P.E. Kits

We have a few children who have not got a suitable kit in school for the two sessions of Physical Development that take place every week. These lessons are part of a mandatory curriculum for the Foundation Phase and it is advisable for all children to have a set of clothing appropriate for physical activity, in addition to their day-to-day uniform. Information about the P.E. Kit is available on the school website. Diolch!