



Dosbarth Rheidol News at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:
Friday 30th April 2021

This week.....

Reminders

Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 4th May.

•**P.E Days** -P.E will be every Monday and Friday. Please can children come to school wearing tracksuit bottoms or leggings with school t-shirt and jumper and cardigan and appropriate footwear.

•**Snack** - Children can bring a healthy fruit snack each day or alternatively parents can pay for fruit snack on Parent Pay and school will provide an orange, banana or apple.

•**Reading Bags** - Reading bags cannot be sent home for the time being unfortunately but children will be reading daily in school. Word Walls will be sent home regularly to practise.

Books can be accessed on the Oxford Owl website using our class code.

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

•**Water Bottle** - Please provide children with a water bottle for use during class time.

•**Gates** - Gates will be open from 8:30 - 8:45 each morning and between 2:50 and 3:05 each afternoon. Please notify the office if someone different is collecting your child. Thank you ☺

We have been very excited to watch our sunflower plants start to grow shoots above the soil. As part of our enrichment day we researched the life cycle of the Sunflower and we used playdough to re-create each stage of the process. Then we used the "Stop Motion" App to create an animated life-cycle. We thought about the time connectives that we could use to sequence the events of the life cycle and then we wrote sentences about the life cycle. We used appropriate descriptive language by including adjectives in our sentences. We thought carefully about full stops and capital letters in a sentence. We looked at a range of artists who have illustrated flowers through a number of mediums and we chose an artist who inspired us and re-created their work choosing our own medium e.g. pastels, watercolours, chalk, pencil etc. In maths we have worked on 'doubling' numbers. We played target games to double a number and completed the doubles practically. We also used the 'diamond' method to record our answers, by breaking down and partitioning the number and then doubling. We have worked on number bonds to 10 and 20 and then we used this knowledge to answer some word problems. We used the RUCSAC strategy to help us solve the word problem and to work out whether we needed to add or subtract in the problems. We have started to learn the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk", by using actions to help remember the words. We continued our Music and dance lessons about the story and identified rhythm as we learnt the story songs. We have also been finding out about minibeast and identifying rhyming words to write our own poems!