

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here is an overview of the work your child will be covering during this term.

### Language

Your child will be supported to learn and use the correct Welsh vocabulary and syntax through drilling sessions, group and partner work, drama, and class discussions. There will be a focus on developing listening skills, following simple instructions and responding to others. Pupils will learn how to handle books as a reader-following print from left to right, recognising familiar letters and words and using pictures to help retell stories. Writing skills will be developed with a focus on phonics and simple sentence construction, introducing basic punctuation and an awareness of different genres. Regular practice in mark making and pencil control will help towards letter formation. *For more information see the Literacy framework on the school website.*

### Mathematics

Number skills are our main driver and these skills are practised regularly through authentic play and learning experiences such as measuring, using data, money, algebra and geometry. We use many manipulatives [hands on resources] and pictorial methods to help deepen the children's understanding. It is not just about getting the right answer - We activity talk about their work, discuss what they know or what helped. *For further information, please see the numeracy framework on our school website.*

### Theme Work

Our theme this term is 'Perthyn' (Belonging). We will be discussing ourselves, our basic features, family, where we live, who and what belongs to home and to school and sorting important events in our lives (being a baby, walking, birthdays, starting school, etc.). We will be discussing how we are special and where we belong. We will be learning a variety of traditional songs and dances from Wales, naming simple percussion instruments and beginning to take photos or create pencil / graphic images of ourselves and others (portraits). We will be sorting and naming living things: animals, people and plants. We will be describing how we are similar and different and how we have changed since being babies. We will learn about the senses and that there a variety of sources of sound. **We will be working on the appropriate stepping-stone for each child whilst working on this theme.**

### Health and Wellbeing:-

During PE sessions, we will be studying gymnastics and dance and learning what effect exercise has on our body and our mood. The Jigsaw themes for this term are Me in my World and Celebrating Difference. We will be discussing what it feels like to belong and how we are similar and different.

Class: Melangell

Year: Reception

### Things to Remember

- P.E. kit every Wednesday
- Woodland every other Thursday (Dates to be confirmed)
- Please label **all** items your child brings to school.
- Follow us on Instagram- Ysgol Penalltau

