

Information for Parents - Autumn Term 2026



Class:	Blwyddyn 1	Topic for this half term:	Cynefin
Details about this term's topic:	Welcome to our exciting Autumn topic in Year 1, where we embark on a journey into the heart of Cynefin. Here, Cynefin isn't just a place; it's a feeling of belonging, a celebration of Crickhowell's rich tapestry of history, nature, and community. Our young learners will delve into the very essence of what makes Cynefin special—the lush landscapes, the stories whispered by ancient stones, and the spirited traditions that bind us together. Throughout our exploration, we'll uncover the secrets of Crickhowell, from its intriguing name origins to the majestic Crickhowell Bridge, a testament to the craftsmanship of bygone eras. Our lessons will weave through time, from the bustling High Street of Victorian times to the tranquil corridors of Crickhowell Primary School, where we'll imagine what school life was like in days past. Through practical exploration, we'll study the seasonal changes and weather patterns, design and build bridges, and even compare Victorian inventions with modern technology. We'll be immersing ourselves in local culture and diving into the art of Welsh storytelling with tales from the Mabinogion and some Welsh country dance to boot. With brushes in hand, our little artists will sketch the formidable castle and create stunning red kite collages, culminating in a collaborative mural that captures the essence of Crickhowell and our local area. Together, we'll foster a love for learning through oracy, reading, and writing activities rooted in our theme of Cynefin. With opportunities for storytelling, guided reading in both Welsh and English, and engaging hands-on experiences, we aim to inspire curiosity and a deeper understanding of our world and our part in it. As we transition into the festive season, we'll create Christmas treasures, learn carols, and prepare for our Christmas production. Hold on to your hats! <i>RVE/Stonewall Lesson Focus: This term, we are conducting an age-appropriate lesson on inclusivity for all learners. Additionally, in celebration of Black History Month, we will be sharing the inspiring story of Catherine Duleep Singh. Lessons during the term will also cover important aspects of Buddhism, Santana Dharma, and Christianity.</i>		
Days which PE kit will be needed:	P.E will be on a Thursday. A Schoop will be sent if this changes for any reason.		
Days reading books will be sent home:	Friday - A reading book will be sent home on a Friday with a reading record book. Please can you listen to your child read and fill in the reading record with the title of the reading book and a comment about how your child has read. Return book bags and books <u>every Monday</u> please, so that we can assess your child's reading and change books.		

Homework:	A 'Homework Menu' can be found on Google Classroom with a selection of tasks for this term. We will also send a paper copy home at the start of term. Please do not feel that every task needs completing, just have a look through and select the ones your child will enjoy and are manageable for you as a family. We also recommend the website https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ for educational games in literacy, maths and other subjects. There will be no weekly formal test for spelling, but children will take part in peer assessment and spelling challenges. A list of high frequency words and a spelling activity grid are on Google Classroom for you to work on at home which will hopefully make spelling at home fun! On Google Classroom there's also other information regarding the class, including Big Maths. All logins for Google Classroom (Hwb), are at the front of your child's reading record, we recommend making a note of them or taking a quick picture so you have these to hand.
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Any other general reminders:	Please can you ensure that your child has a drinks bottle with water daily, as well as a healthy snack (fruit/veg) for break time. As it is the autumn/winter term and weather is changeable, please ensure your child has a coat, hat and gloves. It is important that you <u>label all your child's belongings</u> to ensure they are returned if mislaid. Every Wednesday children in the Foundation Phase are able to wear non-uniform as Wednesdays will consist of exciting Wild Walks and Theme days, based on our current topic. Otherwise, please ensure that the appropriate school uniform and footwear is worn. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Many thanks, Miss E Picton Evans and the Blywddyn 1 Team Pictonevanse5@hwbcymru.net
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