



Crickhowell Community
Primary School

Information for Autumn Term 2026

Class:	Year 4	Topic for this term:	Cynefin
A message from the Y4 staff		A very warm welcome to Year 4! We are delighted to welcome your child into our class and are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable year together. This year will see things done a little differently. We are lucky enough to have a PGCE student teacher with us this year, Mrs Ellice Miles. This will enable us to split the morning groups, generally literacy and numeracy, into smaller groupings. This means learning will be more tailored to your child's needs. Mrs Miles will also be with us during some afternoon sessions. In addition to that, Mrs Wendy Davies covers both teacher's PPA time, on a Tuesday afternoon for Mrs Kenchington, and a Wednesday, first lesson, for Miss Weaver. Miss G Viveash will be around for some of the time too, supporting individual children or delivering interventions throughout the school (when set up.) We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year and thank you in advance for your continued support.	
Details about this term's topics:		<u>Cynefin</u> This term, our topic is Cynefin, a Welsh word that describes our connection to the places, people and communities that help shape who we are. Through this topic, the children will explore themes of identity, well-being and belonging, while developing a deeper understanding of Wales and its rich heritage. Learners will discover how Welsh culture and traditions have developed over time and investigate how events from the past continue to influence life in Wales today. As part of this, we will learn about the Industrial Revolution and explore how the natural resources found in the hills surrounding Bannau Brycheiniog, including coal, limestone and iron ore, played an important role in shaping Welsh communities and industries. We will also explore the significance of farming in Wales, learning about its contribution to Welsh life and why around 90% of Wales' land is used for agriculture. Throughout the topic, the children will research famous Welsh landmarks and places of interest. To bring their learning together, they will plan a holiday in Wales, researching tourist attractions, creating itineraries and considering budgets and costs. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning as we celebrate what makes Wales such a special place.	
Days which PE kit will be needed:		For our P.E. lessons, children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit. This should include a white polo shirt, school sweatshirt or hoodie, black shorts or black jogging bottoms, and black trainers. Year 4 will have P.E. every Wednesday.	

Any other ways parents can help (e.g. help needed with readers, items that can be sent in related to the topic)	Spelling lists will be uploaded to Google Classroom, which children can access using their Hwb email address. A paper copy of the spelling list will also be sent home. We encourage you to read regularly with your child at home. Reading books will be sent home on a Friday so that children can enjoy reading over the weekend and should be returned to school on Monday. We would also really appreciate your support with learning times tables at home. Order of learning is generally 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9. Regular practice at home will help the children to develop their confidence and fluency. Please help us to be able to teach your child and allow them to have a successful day in school. Please do not let your child access screens in the morning before school and ensure they have a good evening/ night time routine, allowing their brains to be calm and ready for a good night's sleep. We really appreciate this; we are seeing more and more the effects too much screen time is having on children's ability to concentrate and apply themselves to their learning. Thank you for your support on this. If you have any knowledge, experiences or information about mining, farming, our local area or Wales that you would be happy to share with the children, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to get in touch — we would be delighted to welcome your contributions to our learning.
Any other general reminders (not specific to your class) that you think should be included on the information sheet.	Your child will need a healthy snack at break time and may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure all water bottles are labelled with your child's name. If you have any questions or wish to contact us, our email addresses are Daviesa101@hwbcymru.net (Miss Weaver) KenchingtonE8@hwbcymru.net (Mrs Kenchington) Milese79@hwbcymru.net (Mrs Miles) If your child is worried or upset or something has happened at school, try and arrange to see us to get the full story. Sometimes, children can get it wrong... Many thanks, Mrs Kenchington, Miss Weaver and Mrs Miles