Year 5 - Autumn 2026

Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parent/Guardian,We would like to welcome your child to Year 5. This is an exciting year in your child's learning, and we look forward to helping them grow in confidence, independence and achievement. With your support and encouragement, we hope your child will have a happy, successful and enjoyable year.

In this newsletter, you will find useful information about Year 5 that will help to support both you and your child throughout the year.



Key Information

- **PE will be on a Thursday morning. Your child can either come to school wearing their P.E kits, or bring their kits with them, to change into. Can this consist of shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, a t-shirt, zip up hoodie/jacket and trainers.**
- **Forest School - Alternative Tuesday mornings with Mrs Morgan starting on Tuesday 8th September and Mr Cresser on Tuesday 15th September. Children will need to bring into school a pair of wellies /old trainers and change of appropriate clothing to wear to the forest.**

Other information

- **Reading – We ask that the children bring their books to school every day please.**
- **Snack- Your child will be allowed to bring in a healthy snack for playtimes and a bottle of water.**
- **Parent's Evening: Week commencing Monday 19th October. Details and invitations for individual classes will be sent out prior to half-term via Parentmail.**
- **We will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' session on Tuesday 15th September at 3.30pm in the Year 5 Classroom. We will be discussing expectations for the year and important information about our weekly routine.**

- **Career Pathways - As part of Careers Pathways and the New Curriculum, we are looking for parents to come in and talk to children about their careers. If you are interested, please speak to your child's class teacher during 'Meet the Teacher'.**
- **Instagram - We will continue to use Instagram to share your child's learning experiences and journey. If you have not yet followed us please request to do so using our handle www.pontarddulaisprimaryschool.co.uk. Please inform the class teacher of your Instagram handle to ensure your request is accepted.**

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Why, oh why would you live in Wales?

Why Am I Learning This?

To understand why people have migrated to Wales throughout history and how migration has shaped communities such as Pontarddulais.
To explore how artists represent Wales and identity through landscapes and people.
To research and present information about migration using digital tools, developing enquiry and investigation skills.
To analyse and interpret data to understand patterns, trends and changes within populations and communities.
To understand identity, belonging, diversity and inclusion, developing empathy and respect for others.





Key Questions

- How do stories help us understand the experiences of people who move to a new country?
- Why have people chosen to leave their homes and settle in Wales?
- How can art, music and drama help tell stories of identity and belonging?
- How do living things adapt and find their way in unfamiliar places?
- What can data tell us about migration and changing communities?
- What helps people feel welcome, safe and that they belong?

Learning Journey

Humanities –Human societies are complex and diverse and are shaped by people and places.
RSE – decision making, relationships and identity, human rights
H&WB – relationships shape who we are and how we feel
Expressive arts –painting, Welsh artists, textiles
Sci and Tech – Scientific enquiry, computational thinking
Maths - Place value, 4 operations
Literacy - Oracy, reading and writing tasks linked to migration including discussion, narrative and report

Additional experiences

Visit related to topic - TBC
Career pathways visit - TBC
Christmas Concert - 11th December AM
Topic Celebration Day - TBC

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