

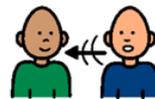


Executive Head Teacher: Helen Bruckdorfer BA

Tuesday, 19 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic first half term of the new academic year at Brecknock, with children settling happily into their new classes and returning to good learning habits. Our priority remains responding to the loss of learning for all children during the lockdowns. Whilst continuing to offer a broad and progressive curriculum, we will keep focusing **on filling the gaps in children's learning and helping them to catch up**. We hope you were able to attend our virtual **Meet the Team** meeting with the class teacher. This letter gives further important and detailed information regarding the year ahead and this term's learning.



Time to talk; time to change

This year, Brecknock will be focusing on improving their oracy skills (speaking, listening and vocabulary) to support their learning across the curriculum. We will be promoting the right to be heard, return to the Brecknock values and learn about local and global issues that matter to us. Through our whole school theme: **'A Time to Talk; A Time Change'** we will learn about the **17 Sustainable Development Goals** which aim to ensure a quality education for all, fight inequalities and fix climate change. You will be updated regularly through the newsletter, website and school **Twitter feed @BrecknockSchool**.

Rights Respecting Children

As a **Gold Rights Respecting school**, we consistently focus on the rights of the child and how these help us to develop an understanding of respect and empathy for others. At the start of this term, every class has created their class charter, underpinned by the Brecknock school values.



In class, the children are praised for excellent work, participation and following the class charter and whole school



values. Children are rewarded with stickers linked to the school value they have demonstrated.

Learning in Nursery

The **attached curriculum leaflet** gives you an overview of the learning that has taken and will continue to take place this term in your child's year group. Through our topic 'Me and My Family' the children will be learning about themselves, their families, their friends, their school and the similarities and differences between themselves and others.

All classes will use **Brecknock Timelines** and **Learning Planners** to support children to learn, remember and recall key facts. The learning planners will be sent to you at the beginning of each term via Parent Hub.

Trips

We are delighted to be able to plan and take children on a range of educational trips once again. All trips will be risk assessed and following current guidelines. In the final week of this term we will be visiting Clock Tower Park for a picnic. We would be delighted if you could join us!

Attendance and Punctuality

We understand that reaching 100% daily attendance is challenging at this time, we will be celebrating good attendance and time-keeping behaviour in our weekly star of the week assemblies. **We encourage you to monitor your child's attendance using Parent Hub to ensure their attendance remains excellent. Please ensure you download the Parent Hub App to access your child's profile.**

We send the majority of the schools communications via email, including the newsletter which is sent every Thursday and uploaded to the school website. Letters for trips, dinner money and anything in relation to finance is sent via your ParentPay account. We also send short messages that we need to communicate with you quickly through the Parent Hub app.

The school **gates open at 8:50am** in order for the **register to be taken at 9.00am.**

Home Learning

Homework	Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their book bag. Your child can change the picture story book as often as required and we do encourage this! As part of the Early Years curriculum and your child's physical development, this term we are focusing on your child becoming as independent as possible. Please do support and encourage your child at home to use the toilet independently as well as encouraging them to dress and undress on their own.
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	<p>As part of their personal, social and emotional development, we will be encouraging your child to talk about their feelings. We will be teaching them new vocabulary such as sad, happy, excited, worried, angry, tired, calm. Please encourage your child to talk about their feelings and to explain why they feel the way they do.</p> <p>In EYFS the children will be learning poems and songs regularly as this will help develop their oracy skills. We will share these with you as your child may enjoy performing them for you.</p>
<p>Reading</p>	<p>Parental and guardian support is hugely important for developing reading skills, confidence and understanding. We encourage parents to read with their children and discuss the books they are reading. When reading stories with your child, encourage your child to look at the front cover of a book. Ask them questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do they think the book will be about? • Why do they think this? • Encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the story book. • Who is in the story? • What is happening? • Where is it happening? <p>This will help your child answer ‘who, what and where’ questions supporting the development of their comprehension skills. You can challenge your child further by asking them ‘why’ and ‘how’ questions.</p>
<p>Fluency in maths</p>	<p>In the Nursery, supporting your child with the following will help to develop your child’s fluency in maths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing their counting skills to 10. • Helping your child to represent numbers using their fingers e.g. holding up 3 fingers to represent the number 3. • Supporting your child with recognising numbers to 5 and beyond. • Enabling your child to count one object at a time slowly so that your child counts with accuracy. We call this one-to-one correspondence, a vital skill in mathematics. • Enabling your child to see numbers, learning to say how many objects there are without needing to count these. We call this subitising.
<p>New words</p> <div data-bbox="97 1671 341 1850" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">  </div>	<p>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place every day. Each Friday, children choose one of their new words to wear on a sticker. We encourage you to speak to your child about their chosen word each week as this will help them to deepen their understanding of the word and to develop their oracy skills.</p>

PE

PE will take place every **Friday** in the Nursery. Children **will not be changing for PE** so please ensure they wear appropriate clothes for physical activity on these days, especially trainers.

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We are available at pickup to discuss any queries at the end of each school day.

Kind regards,

Tanit, Diana, Maria and Faye