

## Our World

Welcome to Year 3 and 4 2018-19. This term our topic is Our World. This year we are making some exciting changes as we work towards the new curriculum in Wales. Rather than beginning the term with 3 key questions, this term the children will determine the questions, based on what they want to know and learn about. I am sure this will lead to an exciting term with lots of fantastic learning opportunities, underpinned by literacy, numeracy and digital skills.

Our class book will be Roald Dahl's 'James and the Giant Peach'. This will be used within guided reading sessions, language lessons and our Roots and Seeds topic in Science. We will also look at the impact we have on the world in Science.

The children will have a weekly spelling session with Mrs Pierce on a Monday afternoon. Their spellings will be sent home to learn each week. We will also have handwriting, punctuation and grammar sessions throughout the term. In our language work, we will be looking at different genres. This will include **instructions, poetry, story writing, letter writing and emails**. We will look at lots of good examples of each genre so that the children develop an understanding of the features it needs. They will then have a go at creating their own version of each genre.

In mathematics the children will be learning through a 'mastery' approach. This means that we will focus on the same area of maths for a chunk of time and the children will learn on a deeper level. The areas which will be looking at this term are, **numbers up to 1000/0** (including making comparisons and estimates and ordering number and halving numbers in the context of number, money and measures), **addition and subtraction** (including using inverse operations and estimating by rounding) and **multiplication and division** (recall multiplication tables and identifying multiples) and **introducing algebra**.

We will be using a variety of methods to help all the children improve their confidence, enjoy maths and gain a deeper understanding.

This term **forest School** will be held on a Tuesday afternoon. Children are to come to school in forest school clothes every Tuesday, including waterproofs please.

**PE** clothes are to be worn on a Friday. This should include navy tracksuit bottoms and jumpers as the weather gets colder. We now have a super Ysgol Nannerch PE hoody available to buy. This half term PE will involve team sports, including football and dodgeball. Following half term, we will move indoors, and PE will include dance.

Year 3 and 4 will have maths or topic homework each week. It will be set on a Thursday and will be due into school the following Wednesday.

Year 3 and 4 will read at least once one-to-one with Miss Roberts each week. They will also complete guided reading tasks 3 times a week, this will give them an opportunity to read different types of texts and develop the 8 reading behaviours. Please ensure that all pupils bring their reading books and diaries into school each day to read with Miss Roberts.

If you have any queries, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Miss Roberts**