

Hello and welcome back,

First I would like to say a heartfelt 'Thank you' from myself, Mrs Bowen and Mrs Davies for our wonderful gifts at the end of term. We can not express how much they meant to us all.



What a great first week back in 2025 it has been! The children have all settled back down into class routines as if they had never been away, and it has been fabulous to be back with them.

In our Literacy sessions we looked at the new phonic sounds f and l. We learned the actions from the scheme and the set of rhymes to form the letters when writing. This week, f is for fish, wiggling your hand in from of you like a fish swimming and the sound l was for lion and you hold your hands up a claws at the side of your face like a fierce lion. Growling as you do so is optional, but it is really hard not to! Grrrrrr!!! We also did some free writing, writing a letter to Santa to say thank you for our favourite present.



In our maths we revised our skills of adding on 1 more to a number, and also re-enforced this in our Outdoor Learning using multi-link cubes to show 1 more than a number.

As we are starting a new topic called, Tales from Wales, we looked at some objects from Wales and brainstormed the things we knew about them and Wales in general. We tried to think of questions about Wales that we might want to find out, that will help to direct our learning over the next few weeks.

In our Welsh session we started to learn how to say where we live in Welsh, and Mrs Bowen filmed us speaking. We had to answer the question – Ble wyt ti'n byw? (Where do you live) saying– Dw i'n byw yn (I live in) and we could either say Killay, Cila, Swansea, Abertawe, Wales or Cymru.

In our art session we had a go at designing our own new Welsh flag. We created a different looking dragon and changed the colour of it and the background. We were very creative!



I have sent home with everyone a reading folder that contains a reading diary and letter, outlining how our reading will be structured and the timetable for the rest of the year. We will listen to children read on a fortnightly basis, as with over 30 children in the class



anything less becomes unmanageable and rushed. Also, due to limited numbers of books, we will need to rotate books between the 2 groups, so the blue folder group have not yet had books, but will get theirs when the red group return theirs. Once we are up and running it will hopefully work well.

Finally I want to let you know we will be welcoming Mr Birtwistle to our Dolphin class from Monday, due to our rising numbers in Reception. We know he will settle in fabulously and be a very welcome addition to the team.



Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday,

Miss Thomas, Mrs Bowen & Mrs Davies.

