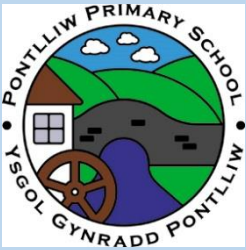




# Welcome to Year 1!

## Dosbarth Fir





# Our Class Motto!

"You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself any direction you  
choose."

## Our School's Values

Care - Respect - Community



# Aims of Year 1!



- To provide a balanced and stimulating curriculum through the exploration of 'Big Questions', differentiated to suit the needs of each child.
- To build on pupil's social skills through communicating and working with others.
- To develop the children's level of independence and maturity.
- To develop the children's confidence.
- To ensure that the children are happy and continue to develop a love of learning!



# Big Questions

During Year 1 the children will be widening their learning opportunities through the use of 'Big Questions'.

Our Big Questions in Year 1 will be:

Do all Superheroes wear capes?



Where in the World am I?



What is causing the commotion in the ocean?



# Curriculum for Wales- Areas of Learning and Experiences.

As well as Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills, there are 6 Areas of Learning and Experience. Everything your child learns will be connected to these areas.

The 6 AoLEs are:

1. Health and Wellbeing.
2. Languages, Literacy and Communication.
3. Mathematics and Numeracy.
4. Science and Technology.
5. Humanities
6. Expressive Arts



# Health and Well-Being: RSE

## What is RSE?

Our priority in Pontlliw is that our pupils are **happy, safe and healthy**, therefore it is important they learn about topics such as, healthy relationships, keeping safe, and that they are confident to raise issues with responsible adults.

Parents have a central role to play in supporting their children, however there is also a crucial role for schools - especially in a world where there is so much inaccurate and misleading information and harmful materials, circulating online. Our RSE curriculum is designed to **safeguard** all our children, supporting them to develop knowledge, skills and behaviours that will assist in protecting them throughout their lives.



# Health and Well-Being: RSE

Our RSE curriculum has been co-constructed with all members of our school community, including staff, governors, pupils, parents/carers and external professions such as the school nurse.

Great care has been taken to ensure that all learning within RSE is **developmentally appropriate** to ensure that pupils are not exposed to things that aren't appropriate to their age and development.



# Health and Well-Being- PE Lessons

- The children will undertake a lot of physical activity; whether that be during PE sessions, creative movement lessons or when learning outdoors.

## PE Lessons:

- Days Thursday outdoor & Friday indoor (TBC)
- Please can you ensure that your child wears appropriate P.E. kit to school on these days.
- All jewellery needs to be removed and long hair should be tied back.





# j2stars

j2stars allows the children to:

- Modify their own avatar to suit their preferences.
- Gain stars for positive behaviour within class e.g. being kind, showing resilience, trying their best.
- Gain a prize for every set amount of points.

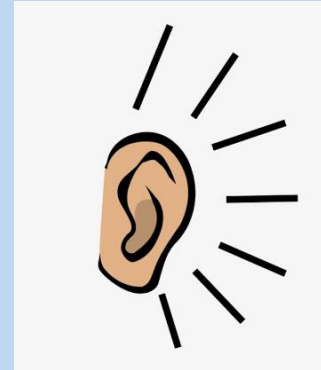


# Pupil Voice Groups.

The children will continue to be a part of a pupil voice group next year.

The Pupil voice groups are:

1. Eco Warriors
2. Healthy Heroes
3. Digital Dragons
4. Criw Cymraeg
5. Safety Soldiers
6. Curriculum Council



# HOMework

## Spelling Homework

- The children undertake fun spelling activities in class that incorporate their specific group of spelling words.
- Spelling words will be given out fortnightly.



## Mathematics Homework

- The children will be set Maths homework every Friday.

## Reading

- It is important that your child brings their reading book to school every day. Please comment regularly in your child's reading diary as your feedback is beneficial.



# Working Together

Our staff are very much looking forward to continuing working with you to ensure that the children have a fun, happy and productive time in Year 1.

- Helping your child become more independent.
- Ensuring the children complete their homework/reading regularly.
- Sharing any important information about your child with the class teacher e.g. any new medication.
- Helping us enrich our curriculum by coming into school to share information about different topics/areas.



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Thank you for listening!  
Any questions?