



Brynnau Primary School

Dosbarth Melyn

Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

We are very excited to introduce our new learning adventure! This term, the children will be joined by a very special visitor—**Milo the Alien**—who has travelled all the way from space to learn more about life on Earth. Milo is curious about what makes each of us unique, and together we will help him explore big questions like:

- What makes me, me?
- How are we the same, and how are we different?
- What is special about our families, communities, and our world?

Through Milo's journey, the children will have the chance to reflect on their own identities, celebrate their individuality, and appreciate the wonderful diversity around them. Milo's space missions will also make learning exciting and meaningful. Children will practise key skills such as asking questions, noticing details, sharing their ideas, and working together. By the end of our journey, children will have not only taught Milo about life on Earth but also gained a deeper understanding of themselves, their friends, and the world around them.

Language, Literacy and Communication

The children will read a range of books daily in class. Every day, we will practice high frequency words and phonics from the Monster Phonics programme. <https://monsterphonics.com/phonics-support-for-parents/> Please listen to your child read and practise the unit words. We will also practise these words with your child in school and new units of words will be sent home when required. Please sign the record and make a comment if you wish. **Reading books will be sent home every day. Please ensure that the book and book bag are returned to school.** Thank you!

Enjoy sharing and talking about the book with your child and don't forget to read those all-important bedtime stories too! If your child is unsure of a word encourage them to break it down into sounds whenever possible. It is important that they can read and remember the words.

Some useful apps are as follows:

Hairy Letters-Games to reinforce learning and build letters into simple words, the Hairy characters and memorable animations make this a fun and engaging introduction to literacy.

Hairy Phonics- Introduces the digraphs that every child needs to learn. Two vowels join and make one sound

Weekly spelling patterns will be emailed using Teachers to Parents. We will practise these spelling and phonics daily in class. Please practise these words at home in preparation for the weekly challenge on a Friday. Some learners will have access to the Nessy programme to help with reading, spelling and writing. Nessy is a phonics programme that was originally designed to help dyslexic learners. However, we have found this programme works for all learners to support literacy. The children will practice Nessy for 20 minutes daily in school. A permission letter will be sent home to the children who will be involved in the programme. Please return this slip promptly. You will then be sent details on how to access Nessy at home.

Mathematics and Numeracy

The children will be developing their skills with addition and subtraction with increasing difficulty. They will also be developing their place value skills and working on understanding of number beyond 100. Within Mathematics we will be learning about place value of 2 and 3-digit numbers, learning and revising number facts up to 10 and above, counting numbers up to one hundred and beyond, adding and subtracting numbers from a one and a two and three-digit numbers.

We will also be remembering all the ways to make ten and how we can use these facts to help us solve our sums whilst making sure our numbers are formed correctly. Each day we will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as learning the ten times table. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, measuring, our ages, days, months and time and using money in calculations.

Mathematics and Numeracy

On Fridays the children will complete a CLIC, SAFE and Learn It Challenge with the number facts and skills we have been learning. The aim of these sums is for the children to memorise the facts and know the answers off by heart.

What can you do to help at home?

Encourage your child to practise their times tables.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train>

Other information

Please could children also bring in a pair of wellies **clearly labelled with their name** to be stored on our welly cupboard for our woodland adventures. Some afternoons, we will be visiting the woods to see what we can find out so, please make sure your child has wellies in school and a coat ready for our adventures. Apologies now but there may be many occasions when your child returns home a little muddy, but we promise you they will have had lots of fun!

Please remember that children are only allowed to wear small stud earrings and a watch and that all other items of jewellery are not allowed to be worn in school. If you have any concerns please come and see a member of staff as we are always happy to help! Please **only** send in the blue book bag and not a ruck sack as we are limited on space.

PE

On Wednesday, Dosbarth Melyn will have P.E so they will need to wear their P.E. kit to school on the day. Please can the children wear a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings or a tracksuit bottom, a blue school jumper and trainers as some weeks we may go outside (depending on the weather).

The learners will have daily outdoor physical sessions as part of their daily learning.

Labels

Please can all items of clothing be clearly labelled with your child's name!

Fruit Snack

A **small fruit** snack is required each day. Please place all fruit snacks in a pot or plastic bag clearly labelled with your child's name. Please do not send snacks containing nuts into school.

Home Learning

The weekly Learn Its and Monster Phonics spelling words will be e-mailed via Teachers to Parents.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's time at school, please do not hesitate to ask us. A member of staff is available to talk to you on the door each morning, or again at the end of the school day and please free to email myself using the email below.

Here's to fun filled term....! We are so excited!

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Kind regards,

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