



Brynnau Primary School

Dosbarth Enfys Reception

Class Newsletter Summer Term 2025

We all had a fantastic term last term in Dosbarth Enfys and we are so proud of how much progress the children have made already this school year. We are really looking forward to another amazing term full of memorable learning and fun.

Our topic this term is 'Does it really matter if...?'

New Term, new adventures! This term we will be embarking on exciting adventures with Colin the Caterpillar. We will be heading into the garden with Colin the Caterpillar as our curious companion! Together, we'll explore the world of plants, bugs, and muddy creations through hands-on play, story, and our imaginations.

The children will discover how seeds grow, what happens when we mix, squash and stir natural materials, and how things change over time — just like Colin does on his journey to becoming a butterfly. Along the way, we'll dive into themes of friendship, kindness, and working together, as Colin meets other garden creatures and opens his very own Bug Café.

From cooking up mud pies in the Brynnau Muddy Bake Off, to creating potions, planting flowers, and caring for mini beasts, this topic is bursting with opportunities to be messy, imaginative, and full of wonder! We aim to explore a different wow experience and 'Does it really matter...?' question influenced by the children every week and cover a wide range of fun, engaging and practical activities with the children. There certainly are lots of adventures ahead and it is going to be a VERY busy term!

Language, Literacy and Communication

This term we will continue to follow the 'Monster Phonics' phonic programme. We will be working hard on segmenting and blending the phonemes in simple words, writing simple, short sentences with words we know all by ourselves and reading simple sentences and stories too. <https://monsterphonics.com/phonics-support-for-parents/>

We will be exploring a range of stories this term and will be practising retelling a familiar story using full sentences and a range of vocabulary. We will have lots of fun creating our own stories by creating our own puppets, writing, and drawing and exploring different characters, storylines in our imaginative play.

Please continue to read with your child at home, as well as segmenting and blending the words also discuss the pictures and build a story together. Please also comment in the reading record about if your child enjoyed the book at home.

Reading folders, when the children are ready, will be sent home on a Friday. Please can these be returned on a Monday if possible-Thank you! Enjoy sharing and talking about a range of books with your child and don't forget to read those all-important bedtime stories too! Once again 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 Don't forget that Oxford Owl is also a great website to practise reading skills and familiarise your child with the Oxford Reading Tree books and characters.

We will continue to answer the register in Welsh, count objects up to 10 and name colours. We will introduce Welsh clothing and weather vocabulary through songs and games. We will continue to learn basic commands and greetings and simple phrases. As part of our triple literacy approach the children will also be developing their Spanish skills. They will be learning vocabulary around 'family' 'weather' and simple greetings and songs.

Mathematics and Numeracy

Throughout the term the children will practice forming digits correctly, counting reliably up to at least 20 objects, reading, comparing, and ordering numbers beyond 20, and reciting numbers beyond 20, forwards, backwards and from different starting points. The children will compare numbers, and automatically recall the number bonds for numbers 0-10. We will look at the digits within a number to see how many tens and how many ones? We will learn to count in 2s, 5's and 10's, identify odd and even numbers and explore doubling and halving numbers. We will explore measure by comparing lengths and heights of objects, measure length using non-standard measures for example blocks, hands, moving on to beginning to measure length with standard measures-Using a ruler. We will also explore measure by weighing using balance scales with objects and using language like heavier and lighter. We will use non-standard measures to weigh and balance objects and measure the capacity and volume of different containers using language like full, empty, half full, almost empty.

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org/numberskills>

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

Other information

Exciting Events Buzzing Your Way!

We're thrilled to announce the arrival of our newest wriggly resident — Colin the Caterpillar! But he won't be alone for long... we'll be finding him a bug-tastic friend to share in the fun.

VE Day Celebrations are coming up and we'll be marking the occasion in true community spirit with a 'street party' style celebration! Don your best red, white, and blue — the children will need them on the day!

Get your green thumbs ready as we dive into planting and growing flowers, bringing a splash of colour and nature to our space.

Put your aprons on for The Great Brynnau Bake Off — with a muddy twist! It's time to showcase our *cooking* skills (and a little creativity in the dirt)!

Our Butterfly Raising & Hatching adventure will begin this term. The children will watch as our tiny caterpillars transform before their eyes, and you will be able to join us for an exciting release party when they take their first flight!

And finally yet importantly, we'll be launching a bug café, filled with imaginative sandwiches and biscuits – creepy, crawly, and deliciously creative!

PE

We will be developing our physical skills and agility through the 'Bug Olympics', movement games, aiming games, sending, and receiving games and practising for our Sports Day too. Reception children **WILL NOT** need a P.E kit this term as we will be continuing to take off our shoes and socks for our P.E sessions. Our P.E sessions are daily.

Wellbeing

This term we will be showcasing our 'can do' attitudes by keeping on trying when things are difficult, making links between our ideas and solving problems independently.

We will be discussing the importance of being kind to one another and different feelings. We will talk about the things that we like to do, eat and what makes us happy. We will discuss how it is important to have a healthy body and mind. We will encourage turn taking and using kind words. We will also discuss healthy eating and what happens to our bodies when we exercise.

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.

What can you do to help at home?

- Continue to ask your child a variety of questions about their day in school such as 'who, what, where, why, when' and encourage them to give as much detail as possible. These question stems can be used when sharing books too to ensure your child understands what they are reading.
- When your child has finished reading a fiction book, can they retell the events in the correct order? Are they able to use key words and phrases from the story in their retelling? During family walks and adventures, talk about your surroundings, the nature, history of the place you are visiting and encourage your child to ask questions to gain further information.
- Please read daily with your child for 10 minutes. This can be their favourite story, reading book, practising tricky words or a mixture. Please encourage your child to re-read their reading book to develop the skill of reading with familiarity. This will also really boost their confidence once they start to read it with more fluency. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> for phonic activities in phases for ability. Encourage your child to read lots of words by chopping the sounds up. This will give them lots of reinforcement and it is how they are learning to read in class. Help them identify the words, pictures, punctuation. They can look for words all around them and in books, on labels, signs. Sit in a comfy place and read a book together - there is nothing quite like it.
- Recognise, count, read, write, compare, order numbers to at least 20 and if capable beyond. Count forwards and backwards to 20. Practise addition and subtraction to 10. Look at the digits within a number to see how many tens and how many ones? Have fun practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and challenge them to attempt the tricky 3s and 4s too!

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 gate 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,
Dosbarth Enfys

