

Year 4 Spring Bulletin 2025



Our Humanities topic for the Autumn Term is FESTIVALS.

As always, our children will lead the learning through Pupil Voice.

But what is Pupil Voice?

Pupil voice refers to the way in which the thoughts, wishes and opinions of learners are invited, engaged with and acted upon in an educational setting. Allowing them to take ownership of their own learning, resulting in better engagement and attainment. We task the children to create their own LOs (Learning Objectives), thinking about the skills they will be developing through completing the task.

Overview of the of 6 AOLEs for this term

AOLE (Area of Learning and Experience)	Focus
Literacy, Language and Communication	Literacy- Diary writing- writing for an audience using the correct tense and tone. Reciprocal Reading sessions and James & the Giant Peach as a class read. Welsh- past tense and welsh diary entries.
Maths and Numeracy	Multiplication and division- a focus throughout the term on learning times tables. Focusing on depth and embedding their understanding. Moving to fractions of amounts and comparing fractions. Eventually, looking at number and decimals.
Expressive Arts	Art & design- traditional chinese artwork- danqing style Music- festival music appraisals
Health and Wellbeing	PHSE- Jigsaw lessons PE- initially focusing on a range of cultural games, comparing games in Asia to Wales. Dance with a focus on Asia and Chinese New Year.
Science and Technology	Science- thermal insulators and temperature- a range of investigations looking at temperatures and insulators. Technology- designing and making a range of decorations and traditional celebratory items used during Chinese New Year.
Humanities	Geography- focus on Asia & North America. Looking at people and places and comparing them to Wales- using festivals as a focal point. History- origins of festivals. RE- focus festivals linked to specific festivals, for example Holi festival..

We plan to take learning outside whenever possible, so please ensure your child has a coat every day. In addition, they may want to bring in a set of spare clothes/wellies, to leave on their pegs.

Help from Home

Reading- we expect pupils to be reading as much as possible, but would appreciate being listened to at least three times a week at home. This can be acknowledged by signing Reading Logs to be brought in every Monday.

LitShed- pupils should be encouraged to complete the spelling tasks on LitShed. They will be expected to complete 8 tasks a week- from Monday to Monday.

MathsShed- again pupils will should be encouraged to complete their 5 challenges each week.

TT Blast- a great free resource that we will be utilising is TT Blast via Hwb. This is child friendly game to help when learning times tables. Pupils can access this when they have a spare ten minutes.

Thank you in advance for all your support!!!

Dates for the Diary	
Wednesday 29th January	Chinese New Year celebration
Tuesday 11th February	Safer internet day
Friday 21st February	School closes for half term
Tuesday 4th March	School open for pupils
Wednesday 12th March	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 26th- Friday 28th March	Y4 residential to Nant BH
Friday 11th April	School closes for Easter