



## LLANSANTFFRAID

Church in Wales Primary School

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Our School Value for this half term – Responsibility

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**UNCRC** – United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child:

- The Government should make sure my rights are respected.
- I should be supported to live and grow.

**School Values** – you will note from above our Value for this half term is Responsibility. It is about making a commitment. This value is represented by the verse “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) Darkness can never dispel light, light always dispels darkness, light always wins. Jesus told several parables in which responsibility and accountability are at the centre as in the Parable of the Talents.



**Term Topic** – the whole school topic for this term is based on Forces and Energy from the Science Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE). Class Teachers plan to ensure skills coverage but we always consult the Pupil Voice as to the content they wish to learn about. Ideas suggested for each class are as follows:-

**Mrs Davies** - The children are very excited about beginning their new topic, Forces and Energy. We have been busy sharing ideas and questions about how we will investigate this topic using our learning powers from the Four Purposes of our squirrels! We have already started to investigate how things move using pushes and pulls, our investigating trip to the park was a great success! We will be taking our knowledge on movement and applying it to discovering how objects move in space, including rockets and people!!! The children have also requested to make some of their very own movable objects too ... we are very excited to see what we will create! We have made lists of all the different ways we use energy in our day to day lives and we will be investigating further how different energy is created. We will also be thinking about how we can help to save energy and how we can help to reuse it as well!

**Mrs Roberts** - We began our topic looking at the different words used in forces and in energy with visual images to help us create questions linked to what we would like to investigate and find out. The class became interested in looking at how forces help us to move and how the different energies are made. We have generated a series of questions based around lightning and sunshine energy, different weathers, batteries, energy drinks, what makes the sea and wind move and how magnets work. Each week we will focus on finding out the answers to our questions and using the writing genre of 'Explanations' to help us explain answers to our questions using the correct vocabulary and in detail.

**Miss Morris** - A new term with a new Forces and Energy topic ‘Let’s Get Out of this World’. Once again, the children were very keen to share their ideas of what they would like to learn within the six Areas of Learning. Here are some of their wonderful, creative ideas: to write a fact file about a planet/famous astronaut, research the different time zones on the planets, investigate and experiment with forces, identify how a rocket has changed over time, research the training programme to become an astronaut and finally to design their very own planet labelling the different unique features.

**Miss Davies** - This term in after discussing as a class we have decided that we are going to focus on the Forces in space for the first few weeks, including looking at how the solar system works, researching the lives and work of astronauts and looking at what forces are needed and how rockets and space stations live in space. We will then look at how energy affects us in our everyday life, so will focus on renewable energy, we have discussed the possibility of looking at wind turbines and why they are important, we would then want to plan and build our own wind turbines and see how they function, and debate should we have wind turbines in our area or not.

**Safeguarding** – we welcomed back PC Gayle, Community Police to deliver key safeguarding messages for Years 2-6. Always very worthwhile visits and interactions.

**School Meals** – The following information has come through this week. All children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 now receive a free school meal as part of the rollout of the Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) scheme. The roll-out will extend to Years 5 & 6 as of April 2024.

**Bilingualism/Welsh Ethos** – as per the poster shared on Seesaw for the Disgo Santes Dwywnwen next Thursday. Send £3 in an envelope for a ticket and all proceeds will go towards the local fundraising for the Urdd Eisteddfod Meifod. There will be no After School Club that evening.

**Urdd Eisteddfodau** – we now have the dates for the Welsh culture festival for those children who have paid to join Yr Urdd (as per Autumn letter). Should you have any queries, do not hesitate to ask Mrs Morris. More information about each Eisteddfod will be shared in due course.

Llanfyllin local round (Recitations Years 2-6) – 2/3/24

Llanfyllin local dance round – 7/2/24

County round - 16/3/24

County dance round – 14/3/24

Arts and Crafts (any ages) 4/5/24 – theme and details to follow. Closing date 23.4.24

**Church Links** – please see the poster for the next Messy Church.

#### Ladybirds Latest

Happy New Year to you all and to new families. We have started the year learning about seasonal change and especially the effects on birds.

#### FEB

5<sup>th</sup> Years 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics  
7<sup>th</sup> Urdd Local dance Eisteddfod  
9<sup>th</sup> Finish for Half Term  
19<sup>th</sup> Return to school  
29<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair

#### MAR

2<sup>nd</sup> Urdd local Eisteddfod  
7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
14<sup>th</sup> Urdd County Dance Eisteddfod  
16<sup>th</sup> Urdd County Eisteddfod  
19<sup>th</sup> Urdd 5/6 Girls Netball  
22<sup>nd</sup> Finish for Easter









