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Summer Term 7/5/20



Hello again!

Just to let you know what's happening with home learning for everyone.

Every class have new tasks and lessons every school day.

(For your information, HWB is the computer system that all schools use.)

Nursery and Reception - Mrs Thomas, Mr Houten and Mrs Baker

They are putting the learning onto Twitter and Facebook because these children are too young for HWB (the school computer system we use). Sometimes you may get a text message from Mrs Thomas about something else that can be done but the main connection with families is Twitter and Facebook.

Reception / Year 1 - Miss Clifford, Mrs Cole

The learning that can be done for this class is on HWB. The children can also take part in the Twitter and Facebook activities that Mrs Thomas, Mr Houten and Mrs Baker out on Twitter and Facebook or they can do both, it depends on what your child takes interest in. Miss Clifford sends an email out each day and puts links to tasks and worksheets. Sometime she sends a video through text too. Mrs Cole puts some tasks onto Facebook for you too. Plenty to chose from every day.

Year 2/3 - Mrs Jones

Mrs Jones sends a lesson or two out each day and the children can then complete what she suggests on the video. She has lots of 'secret' Maths I hear! She is also emailing the children with tasks and children are emailing back with their work and asking lots of questions. There are tasks on HWB also. Sumdog is ongoing as usual too.

Year 3/4 - Mr Manley, Mrs Garlick

Mr Manley is putting out lessons each day (or all in one go sometimes). You can dip into them whenever it is right for you or your children. He has also added some songs for children to sing along with for counting. Playing his guitar like a rockstar again! Thinks he's on TV now too! Mr Manley also emails tasks out via HWB. Read theory which the children used to do in class is also there for them to access as well as sumdog as usual.

Year 4/5 - Mrs DeClaire, Mrs Sydenham, Mrs Davies

These teachers are using what's called Google classroom. They are also sending out tasks via email and pointing children in the direction where tasks are on HWB. There are some video demonstrations to help you too. Sumdog is there as usual.

Year 5/6 - Mrs Fry, Mrs Davies

Basically there is a mixture of all the above as they are older and can access more. Mrs Fry emails the class and shown where the tasks / challenges are, again using all the tools within HWB. Sumdog is still up and running as usual and the class will, at times, receive video texts. Again, children have a choice but it is important that they do some tasks each day for their learning.

For year 6 also we have started to prepare for a video type leavers concert to try and have some sort of normality too! Not sure if parents are doing anything in regard to hoodies / t shirts etc. I know you cant plan a party but what about a 'Zoom' social get together? We cannot use Zoom for school use but there is nothing stopping you using it for home. Apparently it is easy to use. Mrs Garlick knows and Mrs Davies I think.

Don't forget the links to websites that were sent out at the very beginning too - there's too many to chose from at times. There is plenty out there for the children as well as all the everyday learning they do at home with you anyway. Keep up with good conversations, reading to them, reading with them, making lists, making up stories, games and so on. Check out our Facebook too - families are sharing their ideas and there are some brilliant ones! Copy them, thats what they are there for. It's all about sharing and keeping each other going.

Communication with parents and school

I know some have tried ringing school - we aren't there! we are all working from home and some staff are supervising children at the child care provision at Ysgol Cwm Brombil. Some of our children get booked in there so we see those parents. Parents are communicating with us via Facebook, email, text and calls to the school mobiles. We are managing quite successfully considering the circumstances!

Joke

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between us, something smells.

(I know - Year 6, come on, help me out here! Otherwise the teachers will want me to put things in about links to websites and they will want me to nag you. We need something on here to make us laugh and smile!)

