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HOME LEARNING PROCEDURES

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well? May I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the excellent work that both you as parents and your children have done to date during these unprecedented times. It is so lovely to see all the fun and interesting activities which have been going on at home and shared with us via our twitter account, @ParcyTywyn. You are all doing a fantastic job, keeping the children safe and well and ensuring that they are continuing to develop and learn at home. I strongly believe that both the children's and your wellbeing is paramount during these times. Some families will be affected by COVID 19 in more ways than others, therefore, it is imperative during the uncertain times that we look after each other, support each other and ensure that this is a positive and happy time for children to look back on.

At this moment of time we are unsure as to how long the school will be closed. This could be for a few more weeks or could be for the rest of the term. It is important therefore that the children are engaged and continuing to learn at home. As a staff, we have discussed at length as to how we can ensure each child is continuing to learn and develop at home, taking into account each home's individual situation and everyone's wellbeing.

Home learning :

As of Monday 27/04/2020, we will be issuing fortnightly mini projects as our home learning programme. We have decided to allocate the same theme across the school so that the whole family can be part of the same project with the main aim of the work being fun, purposeful, interactive and hands on! We believe this will also be beneficial to families with more than one child and will ensure a shared learning experience with the focus on developing the children's basic life and key skills.

How to find these mini projects? Tasks can be found on the school website under the 'Pupils' section. Within this section, select the year group appropriate for your child (coloured pencils) and then select the sunflower image – Fortnightly Challenges.

Activities are set on a '**must do, should do, could do**' basis. We hope that all children complete the 'must do activities' as these are key fundamental skills.

Must do activities:

Spelling:

The weekly spelling lists have been placed on HWB for you to work through at your own speed. If you can spell the words correctly, then maybe you could have a go at writing them in sentences to check that you understand their meaning too! You could practice them using Spell blast on j2blast too!

Reading:

It is important that the children develop a love for reading from a range of genres : newspaper, magazines, books, recipes. Read with your children daily as this will develop their fluency and increase vocabulary. Question the children on the text; understanding what has been read is as important as the act of reading itself! Also, make sure that you read to your children – set a routine where maybe you read a story to your child before bed for example.

Times tables:

Learning tables are very important and the better you know your tables, the quicker you are able to solve many maths problems!

Should do activities:

These are the mini project activities and are to be completed as you choose. The 'Should do activities' are split into literacy tasks , numeracy tasks and practical activities.

You can either record your work in your project books, on a notepad that you have at home or on HWB. If working on HWB, remember to share your work with your teacher! You could also share the work with us via our twitter page – remember to tag the school @ParcyTywyn

Could do activities:

These are activities that focus on a range of fun tasks to complete at your own leisure; some can be found on the school website and others via twitter or the internet eg BBC Bitesize.

Communication :

Pupils in Year 2 to 6 can currently contact staff via their SpeakR account. All pupils can also contact their class teacher via their HWB accounts. In order to further improve our communication with yourselves, below are the work email address' of the staff. Should you have any queries regarding the school mini projects/work, please do not hesitate in contacting the class teacher. Communication is key during this time – we are here to help!

Miss Roberts Yr 6 : Helen.Roberts1@parcytywyn.ygolccc.cymru

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Miss James Yr 1 : ceri-llian.james@parcytywyn.ygolccc.cymru

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Parents can also contact myself should you need support or assistance with your, or your children's wellbeing during these times: craig.davies@parcytywyn.ygolccc.cymru

Thank you for your continuing support. Keep well and stay safe.

Mr C Davies

Headteacher

