**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

Croeso nôl! Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Welcome back after a festive break. I hope you are well, and ready for a brand new year and term!

**Topics**

This term we will be exploring the idea that Winston Churchill was an effective leader and crucial to the outcome of the war. As ever, our plans are open to change following the pupils’ interest along the way. The pupils will be creating pieces along the way, to help with the war time effort. They will be exploring textile skills by looking at make do and mend, learning about a healthy diet and the grow your own food theme, along with rationing.

**Numeracy**

Numeracy skills will be incorporated throughout the pupils’ lessons as well as their daily maths sessions every morning. In maths we will start by looking at word problems involving computations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will also be given **times tables based work** to learn on a Friday, for the following Friday.

**Literacy**

In English throughout the term we will look to write persuasively, writing to inform with newspaper articles and writing to entertain with playscripts. During the course of the week, we ask that children read at least three times (of about 10-20 minutes depending on their age and ability). Please ask for more details if you are unsure, or if you require any more information on your child’s reading. Pupils may bring a book home from school or read ones of their choice. Children will be asked to show this evidence on a Monday morning with an adult having signed their red reading records.

On Fridays, your child will be given a list of **spellings** – either individual spelling mistakes or some common spelling patterns. Spellings will be tested each Friday morning.

**PE/Munud Meddylgar/Mindful Moments**

Pupils are to come suitably dressed for **PE** on **Wednesdays** for the next 4 weeks as we welcome an extra session with the Urdd, **and Thursdays** as usual. Mrs Nia Massey will teach the pupils RE and PE on Thursdays. Munud Meddylgar/Mindful Moments will continue to be introduced throughout the week. There will be no swimming.

**Snack**

Pupils can either bring in their own piece of fruit or choose not to eat snack. The class/school water fountain will not be available so please provide your child with a drink for the day.

If you need any more information, or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation.

Miss H Parkinson