**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

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

**Topics**

This term we will be exploring the idea that people make music in a variety of ways to explore and express feelings, explain the world or entertain. It might be worth talking to your child about the styles of music that they like, or songs they like to listen to. We will be discussing this in class and so if they know the names of songs or artists already this will help them. As ever, our plans are open to change following the pupils’ interest along the way. We will hopefully be able to invite you in to show their learning towards the end of the term. We will aim to study in groups, and showcase genre of music for their chosen country. Pupils will use collaborative skills, compose, produce, perform and evaluate their work.

**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 fractions, both of shape and number. Children will also be given **times tables based work** to learn on a Friday, for the following Friday.

**Literacy**

In English throughout this topic we will look to read and learn how to write biographies, lyrical poetry and evaluation and review writing. 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. Pupils will receive a stamp if they can show evidence they have been reading at home. These stamps accumulate to a Bydi Bwrdd. If an adult has not signed their reading record the child has the option to stay in at breaktime to read and earn a stamp this way.***

On Thursdays, 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/Nofio**

Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kits ready for PE which will continue to be held on Thursdays. Mrs Nia Massey will teach the pupils RVE and PE on Thursdays. Swimming will continue on Fridays and begin this Friday 13th.

**Snack**

Pupils can either bring in their own piece of fruit or choose not to eat snack. Please provide your child with a drink for the day.

Please see the main school newsletter for other important dates. To ensure looking after uniform please could you write names in school jumpers/cardigans.

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