



Curriculum newsletter

ATF 4

Autumn 2026

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer break. I have loved hearing all about the wonderful adventures the children have experienced over the holidays. We have another fantastic group of children this year and I look forward to a fun-filled year ahead!

Topics

For those parents who are new to the class, I will briefly detail how ATF4 typically runs and how we design our curriculum. For parents who have been with us for a while, there will be no surprises or major changes this year, as last year was a very successful one for us and things worked really well for the learners in class.

We have an individual and unique curriculum in Class 4, tailored to the specific needs of the pupils. We incorporate a mix of individual work programmes, tailored to the individual needs of each learner, alongside the Curriculum for Wales. All of our academic work will be planned considering the pupils' current interests, and, again, the skill focus will be on the specific needs of each child. We will be following the PowerMaths scheme of work, which is based upon Singapore Maths approaches, and will be working on a range of reading, writing, communication and comprehension skills within our literacy sessions. Following on from last year, we will continue to develop pupils' digital competence, focusing on coding, emailing, digital media and data skills. We also aim to incorporate natural environment teaching into our curriculum, and aim to restart regular community visits to places such as the library, café, supermarkets, forests, the beach etc. We will further develop independent living skills where possible through preparing and cooking meals and snacks. With this in mind, I will not be asking for food tasting money this year. Instead, we will communicate costs for community visits if and when they arise. This will

allow the pupils to develop money handling skills in real life contexts wherever possible.

A key element of our learning in ATF4 focuses on the Six Ways to Wellbeing. These comprise of Connecting with Others, Challenging Myself, Giving to Others, Taking Notice, Being Active and Good Sportsmanship. These six behaviours – combined with the motivations for engaging in them – can help us improve our mental health and well-being. In addition, doing so can enrich our lives by increasing our behavioural repertoire and focusing our mental efforts on what we find meaningful. This has been really useful in helping the pupils decide what their values and goals are, and to identify what they need to learn in order to achieve them. This approach has proved extremely successful and we will continue to build on this this year.

Class Information

I will continue to work alongside Mr Rees, teacher of mainstream Key Stage 2, to plan and deliver physical literacy sessions this year. We will be working with the learners in mainstream in these sessions, to support physical skills and to develop friendships and social interactions. We will also work together in groups with mainstream pupils in other aspects of the curriculum, wherever it will be most beneficial for our learners in ATF4, which may include going on educational visits or trips together.

PE will be on a **Friday**. On these days please could learners wear comfortable trousers/shorts and sturdy trainers.

Please could children bring a water bottle to school every day to ensure they stay hydrated.

Class Dojo

I will be posting updates and reminders to Class Dojo, so please ensure notifications are turned on so that you don't miss out on any important information. Please feel free to message me at any time, however, please note that I will not receive any messages outside of normal school hours so if you need an urgent reply, please contact the school directly.

Diolch, Mrs Fadul