



# Information Booklet



*Aiming High, Achieving your Best!*

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## Croeso i Cadair Idris

Cadair Idris is a year 3 and 4 class and currently consists of 26 pupils

Class teacher: Mr A Davies

## The Curriculum for Wales

The schools follows the Curriculum for Wales and endeavours to provide an education that is relevant to the experiences of our pupils and the world around them.

*It is a journey* - it will build their ability to learn new skills and apply their subject knowledge more positively and creatively with real life meaning and experiences.

### The Four Purposes

The 'Four Purposes' are at the heart of the Curriculum for Wales. These have guided the whole design of the curriculum and set out the aspirations for **all** children and young people in Wales. They are a starting point for all decisions on the content and experiences developed as part of the curriculum.

The purpose of the curriculum is to support learners to be:

- **Ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives**
- **Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work**
- **Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society**
- **Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world**

### Areas of Learning Experiences (AoLEs)

The curriculum is about connecting learning and ensuring that learning focuses on what matters for learners now and in the future. As well as learning the three cross-curricular responsibilities: literacy, numeracy and digital skills, there will be six areas of learning and experience. Everything children learn will connect to these areas:

- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Language, Literacy and Communication**
- **Mathematics and Numeracy**
- **Expressive Arts**
- **Humanities**
- **Science and Technology**

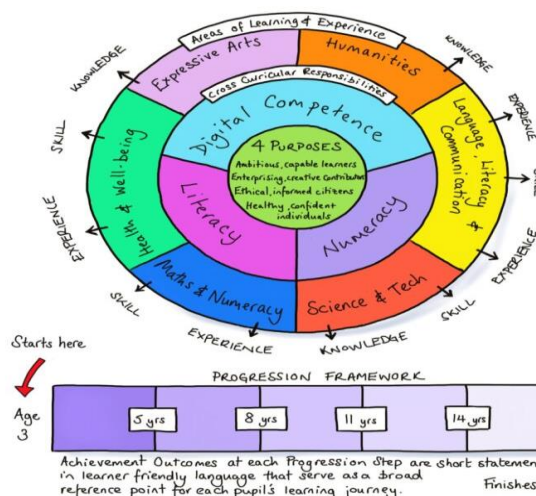
The curriculum will also cover:

- Human rights and the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child
- Diversity and respecting differences
- Experiences and skills for careers and the workplace
- Local, national and international aspects of all learning
- Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

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### Curriculum for Wales

A transformational curriculum for children in Wales



### The School Day

8:45am - Open doors  
8:55am - School Starts  
10:30 - 10:45am - Break time  
11:55am - 12:55pm - Lunchtime  
3:10pm - Home time

### Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time

Mr Davies' PPA time will be covered by Miss Matthias every **Monday afternoon.**

### School Dinners

All primary school children in Wales get a free school meal. Parents need to book meals in advance - before 8:00am each day. Meals can be booked for 3 weeks in advance.

<https://www.parentpay.com/schools/>

### PE

PE will be on **Wednesday and Thursday** each week.

Cadair Idris will go swimming in the Summer term (April-July) every Thursday morning. We ask for £2.00 donation towards the bus.

PE Kit: White t shirt, school jumper or cardigan, black shorts/leggings and trainers.

Jogging bottoms and jackets may be required in colder weather.

No jewellery is to be worn and long hair must be tied up. **Please label all items of clothing.**

### Water and Snack

Children are encouraged to drink **water** throughout the day. Please provide a labelled water bottle.

Children are provided a healthy school snack at a cost of **£1.00** per week, which consists of a wide range of fruit and vegetables. This is payable through ParentPay.

### Medical/Illness

If your child is absent from school then please contact the school office by 9:30am. If we do not receive notification of absence then we will call you to find out where your child is.

### Weekly Home Learning

Home Learning has a positive impact on children's learning. We want home learning to be an integral part of learning that is going on in school. We encourage parents/carers to support with home learning throughout the week:

**Reading:** The recommended amount of reading is 10 minutes per day. Please listen to your child reading and make a comment in the reading diary. A new book will be given each time it is returned and signed.

**Topic Tasks:** Teachers will provide a selection of practical home learning activities that link to the topic children are learning about in class. Parents and children can choose activities they want to complete and share any work with the class teacher. This will be celebrated in class.



**3650 minutes in one year  
25,550 minutes by year 6  
600,000 words in one year!**

## Curriculum Details

This year we will be delivering the curriculum through the following topics:

Term	Topic and Focus
Autumn Term	Guardians of the Globe
Spring Term	Croeso i Wreccsam
Summer Term	Spirit of Sport

*\*Children input into planning throughout the year, so topics and learning activities may change depending on pupil voice and interest.*

### **Residential Trips**

Children in Years 3-6 will get the opportunity to attend residential trips. Residential trips are extremely beneficial to pupils and develop important life skills. Pupils will participate in team activities building relationships with peers; develop self-esteem, confidence and independence whilst developing knowledge and understanding of the world around them. Our residential trips include:

- Glan Llyn /Pentrellyncwmer(1 night, 2 days) - Year 3&4
- Cardiff /Nant BH (2 nights, 3 days) - Year 5&6

These will be on a two year rolling programme





## Useful Websites and Links

<https://hwb.gov.wales/>

Hwb website where children can access emails, resources, games and complete homework. Each child has their own individual login and password. The j2 section is excellent!

[www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)

We communicate school and class information through Class Dojo. Please make sure that you sign up to keep updated. You can also communicate with your class teacher through here.

[A Guide to the New Curriculum for Wales](#)

A new curriculum for Wales - A Parents Information Guide

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

This gives you access to free resources to help your child learn. You can access free e-books to support with reading at home.

<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

A library of free online books

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

We follow Read Write Inc. Phonics to teach children the sounds, the letters that represent them and how to form the letters when writing. This resource gives you access to parent tutorials to learn about how to support your child as they learn.

Numbers

We encourage children to practise mental maths every day. Here are a few useful websites to use at home:

<https://www.j2e.com/j2blast> - this can be set at different levels

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> - lots of number games to practise number bonds and multiplications. The favourite is Hit the Button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>