

# Year 3-Spring Term

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and the children have had a restful December break and are now ready for the new year. We have lots going on in the Year 3 class this term for the children to look forward to!

## Wales on the Water: From Pontypridd to Cardiff Bay.

Big Question – Spring 1 - What stories does Pontypridd tell us about Wales' past?

Big Question – Spring 2 - How can we shape the future of Welsh places like Cardiff Bay and Pontypridd?

This term, children will begin by exploring Pontypridd, learning about its canal and industrial past, and how it helped communities live and work in South Wales. From there, they will move on to Cardiff Bay, discovering how it has changed from a busy industrial area into a place for leisure and culture. Along the way, they will explore local heritage, diverse communities, and Welsh identity, helping them understand how places and people shape each other over time.

Children will visit lots of interesting places this term. They will take place in a walking tour of Pontypridd, listen to a visitor talk about the canal restoration and visit Cardiff Bay to complete some field work.

In science we will be learning about the water cycle and in expressive arts we will be focussing on the discipline of dance.

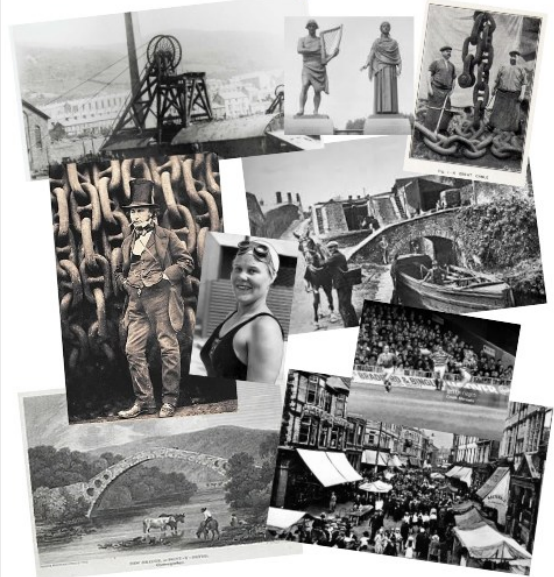
### Statements of What Matters:

Humanities - SWM1 - observing and researching, asking questions and framing enquiries.

Humanities - SWM3 - place, change and difference in natural world, spatial patterns and trends.

Humanities - SWM4 - change in continuity and chronology, cause and effect, diversity.

## What stories does Pontypridd tell us about Wales' past?



### Dates for your diaries

14/01/26—Walking tour of Pontypridd with Caysha from Pontypridd Musuem.

28/01/26—Visit from Ron a volunteer at the Glamorganshire Canal Restoration Society.

09/02/26 & 10/02/25—Parents evening.

05/03/26—World Book Day

06/03/26—Eisteddfod

TBC—Year 2 and Year 3 visit to Cardiff Bay.

TBC— Visit canal restoration site in Treforest.

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## Water

Please send your child into school with a water bottle labelled with their name. Please try and make this a different water bottle to the one in their packed lunch bag. Children should only bring water to school. **No squash or juice.**



## General Reminders

- Children will be reading in class as often as possible. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag, reading book and reading record to school **every day**.
- The children will have P.E on a **Monday** Please send a PE kit (tshirt and joggers/ leggings) to school for your child to change in to. Your child will leave it in school and will bring it home each half term to be washed. They should wear their trainers to school. **No earrings** to be worn on these days.
- A homework grid will be given out at the start of each half term. Children may choose 1 activity per week and upload to Teams by each Friday.
- Your child will have a weekly spelling test though the details of this are currently being finalised. We expect words will be in line with our new phonics scheme "SoundsWrite".

Please remember you can keep up to date with school life by looking on our Facebook page.

If any parents have any experience or knowledge that would benefit our Spring topic please let me know. We love inviting the school community into our classroom. These learning experiences are invaluable and can help create life-long memories.

We are trying to restock our supply of 'loose parts'. These include items you put out for recycling.

- Empty plastic bottles
- Lids
- Cereal boxes
- Egg cartons
- Plastic containers
- Kitchen roll tubes (no toilet roll please!)



## Snack Reminder

If you choose for your child to bring their own snack please ensure it is labelled with your child's name and it is either a piece of **fruit, vegetable or breadstick** **ONLY.**

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask.

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