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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been lovely to welcome all the children to Dosbarth Rheidol. Here is some general class information below:

- Dosbarth Rheidol should arrive to school at 8.30am, ready to start lessons at 8.45am. School ends at 3.15pm and children in Dosbarth Rheidol are collected at the front of the school. If there are any changes to the usual arrangements for collecting your child after school, could you please let staff know in the morning, so we are aware of any different circumstances.

- Pupils are encouraged to bring in some fruit for 'amser tocyn'. All children should bring a coat and a water bottle. All stationary is available in class, therefore pencil cases are not required.

- **Reading books:** It is expected pupils should be reading every night. We encourage parents to listen to their children read and to discuss what they have read with them in order to improve their understanding of the text. All pupils have a reading record in which you can note when they have read to you and any comments you would like to make. Pupils need to bring their book bags with them to school every morning.

- **Homework and spelling:** Homework will be set some weeks and will build on the work that has been done in class. We will be holding weekly spelling tests on Tuesday. The words for these tests will be provided in a weekly spelling list. Can I encourage you to support your children to learn their spellings?

- **Times tables:** We also encourage all pupils to practise their times tables regularly so that they can answer quickly and accurately. Pupils can use TTrockstars, where they can practice their times tables. In addition to this here are some websites that have tablet friendly maths games www.topmarks.com www.mathsisfun.com

- **Swimming, PE and outdoor learning:** Swimming lessons will be held Monday and children will need a swimming kit and towel. PE lessons will be every Thursday and they will need a PE kit with trainers and football boots. If there is any reason why your child can not participate in a PE lesson, please contact the school. Outdoor learning sessions will take place on Tuesdays. Children need to bring wellington boots and waterproof clothing for these activities as the weather can be unpredictable.

This Autumn term there are a range of exciting activities planned. In language we will be studying the book **'The Great Food Bank Heist'** by Onjali Q. Raúf. We will be focusing on instructional writing, diary writing and a persuasive letter. This term's theme is **'Food Glorious Food'**, which will connect learning about the Victorian period with our school's 150-year anniversary. The theme will be incorporated into all curriculum areas. If you have any questions, please ask.

Kind Regards

Mr Lee. W Gower