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A very warm welcome to our new pupils in Dosbarth Seren Y Mor. We are thrilled to welcome you to Starfish Class where we endeavour to promote and create positive relationships and ambitious, capable learners. Unfortunately, at this uncertain time, we have been unable to carry out our usual transition practices such as home visits and taster sessions during which we meet you and answer any questions you may have about starting school. We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together when it is safe to do so but until then, we have put together a welcome pack which will help us to get to know you before we start our learning journey.

Our Morning Routine

Our gate opens at 8:30am. Whilst Miss Davies welcomes everybody at the door, Mrs Harding is in the classroom running table-top activities such as puzzles, fine motor activities and mark-making. Our morning session then begins at 8:50am. We all sit together on the big carpet space and sing our Welcome Song. We then take part in worship time before having a maths input with Miss Davies. We then apply our new maths skills to practical activities in both the indoor and outdoor environments. After maths, we enjoy snack and milk together. Snack options include breadsticks, cheese, fruit, cereal, vegetable sticks and raisins at the cost of £1.00 per week. At 10:15am we enjoy playtime together before returning to the carpet at 10:30am for a phonics session which focuses on one alphabetic sound each week. After our phonics input, we listen to a story before getting ready for home time at 12.00pm.

Our Afternoon Routine

Our afternoon session begins at 12:45pm. We all sit together on the big carpet space and sing our Feelings Song. We then take part in Dough Disco which is lots of fun and gets our finger muscles strong for writing! Mrs Harding will then work with us during a SALLEY session which is designed to teach the phonological awareness skills that are fundamental to the development of reading and writing whilst Miss Davies runs 'Squiggle and Wiggle', a programme designed to develop pre-writing skills using big movements on paper and through messy play. After SALLEY we have a break for milk or water and we then enjoy topic-based learning activities through exploring our classroom areas. Sometimes we get to choose what we want in our classroom areas and how we present our learning during this session. The afternoon session ends at 3:15pm.

Keeping in Touch

You can have a look at more of our learning on our school webpage www.stfranciscatholicschool.co.uk/dosbarth-seren-y-mor
Or on our Twitter page <https://twitter.com/DosbarthSerenYM/>

Miss Davies



Mrs Harding



Some of Our Favourite Classroom Areas



The Home Corner



Mark-Making



Construction



Reading Den



In our ICT area we use the lightbox, Bee-Bot and iPads

Uniform

Our school uniform for nursery consists of a pale blue polo shirt, navy sweatshirt (available from Granby's in Charles Street Milford Haven) and blue joggers or leggings. It is designed to support children in being comfortable and toileting easily. From time to time some children still have the occasional toileting accident. Therefore, you may wish to put spare clothing in your child's bag for emergencies. We do have spare clothing and underwear at school, if your child does come home in our spares please can these be washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Outdoor Learning

We frequently take our learning outside and enjoy spending time in the mud kitchen as well as participating in sand and water play. We will also use this as an opportunity to talk about seasonal changes in the environment. We have a class set of wet weather gear however, please ensure your child has wellies in school and send any additional items such as hats, scarves and gloves if the weather is cold and ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Finally, we very much value our relationship with Parents/Carers here at St Francis and if you feel you need any help or support please do not hesitate to get in touch. We hope you and your family will be very happy here, and we are looking forward to the rest of the year ahead.

Miss Davies and Mrs Harding.