

Dosbarth Abereiddy Curriculum Letter Autumn 2021

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Language, Literacy and Communication

Initially children will be writing a 5 part 'Quest Story' based upon the model text 'Mission Impossible.' Children also will write to discuss and persuade. In poetry, after looking at range of techniques, children will write their own Haiku. We will also be using Voice 21 to enhance our oracy skills.

Our class books this term will be 'The Titanic Detective Agency' and 'Shackleton's Journey'.

Topic

Our topic this term will be 'The Frozen Kingdom'. We will be exploring this topic across the curriculum linking in science, geography, Welsh and art, and the teaching will support the development of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills. Throughout this topic, the children will be at the centre of their learning in planning what they would like to find out. They have expressed an interest in learning about the Titanic, polar explorers, animal adaptations, survival in these conditions and much more.

Physical Development

PE this term will be on a Monday morning with both swimming lessons and rugby coaching sessions which will be delivered by WRU hub officers. Pupils will need to come to school dressed in PE kit on a Monday, with appropriate swimming kit in a separate bag, including swimming costume, towel, goggles and hat.

Welcome back Dosbarth Abereiddy!

Croeso nôl! I hope you have had a lovely summer break and that you are now ready to start the new school year.

This letter outlines the curriculum focus for each subject this term. We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child at home with the work they are engaged in at school.

Curriculum Focus for this term

Our enquiry questions for this term have been generated by pupil voice.

How did the unsinkable ship sink?

How do animals survive in the Arctic?

Does the tourism of Antarctica have an impact on the environment?

Welsh Language Development

This term, we will be using the new Welsh continuum in our weekly Welsh lessons. We will be focusing on everyday conversational language which will help develop the pupils confidence in speaking the language. In addition to our weekly lessons, the children will also be involved in daily Oracy sessions and reading sessions throughout the week to support their Welsh language development.

Mathematical Development

Throughout the term we will continue to develop the children's mental arithmetic skills and knowledge of the four operations.

This term we will be focusing on:

- Read and write numbers to 1,000,000
- Multiply by 10, 100, 1000
- Estimate by rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 or whole number.
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Calculate percentage quantities based on 10%, e.g. 20%, 5%, 15%

Religious Education

The pupils will be taught the Come and See themes: based on the Church, Sacrament and Christian living. The children will explore the following topics and big questions:

Loving - Do you have to earn love?

Vocation & commitment - What is commitment in life?

Expectations - Should we have expectations in life?

Our virtues this term will be learned and wise and curious and active.

Science

Science will be taught through hands on investigations, where children will further develop skills and expand their knowledge and understanding. Children will work on identifying what variables are and how to control them. They will experience taking measurements from a range of equipment, understanding the need for repeated measures to increase accuracy.