

Dosbarth Amroth Curriculum Letter Spring 2022

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Language, Literacy and Communication

In literacy, we will be reading the following fiction stories to support learning linked to our topic

- The Tiger who came to tea
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- The Shark in the Dark

We will explore these through Talk for Writing to develop our story telling skills in our role play areas and puppet theatre. We will also develop an understanding of poetry, by learning about rhythm and rhyming couplets. We will also be exploring non-fictional topics by learning about different habitats of groups of animals and asking lots of questions the Global Goals of 'Life on Land' and 'Life Below Water.'

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term, we will be learning about ourselves and other living things. Our learning will take us on a journey around the globe to explore the localities of different animal species, based on our interests. We will learn about their habitats, diet and the pronouns for different groups of wildlife both on land and at sea. We will also learn about the zodiac animals of Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the Tiger!

Physical Development

We will begin the term with music and movement to develop our gross motor skills through interpretative dance and yoga. After half-term, we will move on to team building exercises to help us learn the benefits of working together to succeed in a task. As well as our 'Shake and Wake' each morning, we will also engage in the daily mile and Pause Points as our 'brain breaks'.

Croeso nôl y Ddosbarth Amroth!

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another term of hands-on learning opportunities about a topic we are all very passionate about, "All Creatures Great and Small." We will begin our topic by listening to the Old Testament story of Noah's Ark where we will learn the names of many animals and use our 'Pupil Voice' to choose which species we would like to learn more about throughout our topic learning. We will also learn about endangered species and human impact by looking at the books 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and 'Hello, Hello' by Brendan Wenzel.

Hwb

In the event of a returning to online learning, we will be using Hwb as our online learning platform. I have attached your child's Hwb log in details to this letter. We will be working with the children in school to practise logging in and using Hwb so please feel free to explore this at your leisure at home.

Humanities

We will be developing our knowledge and understanding of the world by learning about ourselves and other living things. We will be learning about the different groups of animals and where they are likely to be found. We will also explore closer to home by discussing last years Pembrokeshire visitor, 'Wally the Walrus'! We hope to develop our understanding of animals on land and sea by listening to the story of 'Except the Arctic' and identify reasons why certain animals do/do not belong in the Arctic. This will help us to become Ethical and Informed citizens of Wales and the world.

Welsh Language Development

We will continue to develop our oracy skills in Welsh this term by asking and answering questions in the first person. This half-term, we will be focusing on the phrase 'Wyt ti'n eisiau...' and learn key words linked to this phrase by listening to conversations between our friends 'Fflac a Fflac!' We will also recap our learn phrases an vocabulary linked to feelings, the weather and counting. After half-term we will return to celebrate our annual Eisteddfod for which we will learn a Welsh poem and song taught by Mr Morris.

Mathematical Development

In numeracy, we will be starting the term by recapping on our learnt number skills from last term and using these to support our understanding when learning about subtraction. For topic-based maths, we will learn about weight, length, sorting and temperature through a thematic approach linked to our current learning. We will also be having a real focus on number formation and recalling our number rhymes to help us form each number correctly in orientation. Throughout the term we will spend time recapping our counting skills and the ability to count from different starting points. We will also begin to learn how to count in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s.

Religious Education

Our values for this term will be:

- Intentional and Prophetic
- Grateful and Generous

We will learn to share and display these values through our awesome actions 'fantastic friends' and 'ready and respectful'. We will begin the year by learning about 'Celebration' where we will introduce Chinese New Year. We will then move on to 'Gathering' where we will learn about the joy of gathering in Mass and our third theme of the spring term will be "Good News" where we count down to Lent and learn about giving to others.

Personal and Social Development

This term we will be learning to take responsibility for our own actions and develop a positive self-image and a sense of belonging as part of different communities and have an understanding of our own Welsh identity. We will also work on our ability to socialise and work well with ours through team building activities in P.E. later this term.