

Dosbarth Newgale Curriculum Letter Spring 2022

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Language, Literacy and Communication

This term, our class novel will be, 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. The story follows a young orphan from London, who is sent to the workhouse during the Victorian era.

- Throughout our literacy learning, pupils will have the opportunity to:
- Learn and write their own 'overcoming a monster' story, focusing on characterisation using Talk for Writing. We will be using the Talk for Writing model text, 'The Reluctant Dragon'.
 - Explore, retell and write a set of instructions.
 - Explore and write their own Kennings poem.

We will also be using Oracy 21 to further enhance our literacy skills, particularly discussion.

Topic

Our topic for this term is, 'Full Steam Ahead', with a focus on the Victorians. We will explore our topic across the curriculum, linking in science, history, geography, art and D.T. Literacy, numeracy and digital competency skills will continue to be developed throughout topic activities. Using the children's enquiry questions to inform planning, during our topic activities we will:

- Research the history of our monarchs, as well as our current Royal Family.
- Experience a day in the life of a Victorian school, focusing on what the children would have learnt and games they would have played.
- The lifestyle of a working child.
- Compare lifestyles of the rich and poor and explore workhouses.
- Explore what was invented during the industrial revolution, including the first electric light bulb, telephone, X-ray and Railway Networks.

Physical Development

Pupils will participate in PE activities on a Wednesday afternoon, as part of our 'Wellbeing Wednesday'.

PE sessions will be taught by both Swansea City Primary Stars coaches and the WRU hub officer. Pupils will also attend swimming lessons on a Monday morning.

Welcome back, Dosbarth Newgale!

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Happy New Year!

I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas, making memories and spending time with family. We are very excited to begin a new term in Year 3, full of new learning experiences.

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 learning they are engaged in at school.

Curriculum Focus for this term

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

Our Topic - 'Full Steam Ahead' - The Victorian Era.

Who are the Royal Family and what makes them important?

How does life in the Victorian era differ to life now?

What were the expectations of children?

What life-changing inventions were invented?

Welsh Language Development

Pupils will continue to develop their Welsh oracy, writing and reading skills using the new Welsh continuum. Pupils will be introduced to new vocabulary as well as a variety of new phrases, questions and sentence patterns to express opinion as well as describing and identifying in the third person. In addition to our weekly Welsh lessons, pupils will also further enhance their skills by completing Welsh reading and oracy activities.

Mathematics and Numeracy

- Recall multiplication tables and use this knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems
- Multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100
- Fractions
- Use money to find totals, calculate change and budget
- Use standard units to estimate and measure length
- Calculate perimeter
- Calculate area
- Use the four compass points to give and follow directions
- Data handling

In addition to the above, pupils will also participate in daily maths activities with a focus on quick recall of number facts. During our maths session, there will be opportunities for mathematical talk to further develop pupils' ability to reason and justify. Pupils will also apply their developing skills across the curriculum in new and authentic contexts.

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:

1. Journeys – Is life a journey?
2. Listening and Sharing – What is so important about listening and sharing?
3. Giving all – What makes some people give everything for other people?

Our virtues this term will be Intentional and Prophetic, and Grateful and Generous.

Science

Science will be taught through 'hands on' investigations, where children will further develop skills and expand their knowledge and understanding.

Learners will explore the use of electricity and its control in simple circuits, as well as exploring how different sounds are produced and how sound travels.