

Dosbarth Whitesands Curriculum Letter Spring 2021

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Language, Literacy and Communication

This term our class novel will be The Explorer by Katherine Rundell and we will also be reading The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry to inspire the following literacy tasks:

- *Poetry – Free Verse, use of poetic devices, expressive language
- *Explanation text
- *Dialogue
- *Information Portrait

We will also be using Talk4Writing and Oracy 21 to further enhance our Literacy skills.

Topic

Our first topic of this term is 'Rainforest Explorers'. 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

Physical Development

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Kerrison as part of our Wellbeing Wednesdays.

Swansea City Primary Stars coaches will also assist in delivering PE sessions.

Welcome back Dosbarth Whitesands!

Croeso i Ddosbarth Whitesands!

We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break and are ready for this term! 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.

Dio!ch, Mrs Sims.

Curriculum Focus for this term Our curriculum focus for this term is

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

1. Why is the rainforest in danger?
2. What can we do to help to look after the rainforest?
3. How does our environment in Wales compare with the rainforest? Are there any similarities?

Religious Education

This term we will be focusing on:

- Local Church: Community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith.
- Eucharist: Relating – Being thoughtful is a vital part of our relationships with one another.
- Lent/Easter-Giving – Life is full of opportunities for self-giving.

Current Virtues:

Spring 1:
Grateful & Generous

Spring 2:
Intentional and
Prophetic

Mathematical Development

This term we will be focusing on the following numeracy skills:

- Measurement – Length, perimeter, area, volume, weight
- Using mental strategies to recall multiplication tables and using this knowledge to solve division problems
- Data skills - mean, median, mode and range
- Fractions, percentage, decimals and ratio
- Functions - use multistep function machines to generate input and output using all four operations

Welsh Language Development

- 'Dewch I Gymru' will be our focus in our Welsh lessons during the term. We will look at the attractions Wales has to offer, and prepare a voice over for an advertisement for visitors to Wales in Welsh
- In addition to our weekly Welsh lessons, the children will also be involved in reading sessions throughout the week to support their Welsh language development.
- We will also prepare for our virtual eisteddfod

Science

This term we will be focusing on

*Materials-properties and changes' and we will be looking at creating a shelter by investigating and finding the most suitable materials

- * The water cycle
- Habitats – comparing & contrasting rainforest & Welsh woodland habitats