

Dosbarth Whitesands Curriculum Letter Autumn 2022

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Language, Literacy and Communication

In literacy, learners will have the opportunity to write a 5-part 'Wishing Tale,' based upon the model traditional tale 'The King of the Fishes.' Children will also write to instruct and explain. We will also explore a variety of poetry techniques. We will also be using Talk4Writing and Oracy 21 to further enhance our literacy skills. **Our class book this term will be 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.**

This term, we will be using the Welsh continuum in our weekly Welsh lessons. We will be focusing on describing ourselves in the first person. In addition to our weekly lessons, the children will be involved in daily oracy sessions as well as reading sessions throughout the week to support their Welsh language development.

We will be introducing a Modern Foreign Language this academic year in line with Curriculum for Wales. As a school community we have chosen to introduce Spanish to our learners.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, Year 5 will have swimming on a Monday morning and PE on a Thursday. Please could the pupils wear their PE kit to school on a Monday and Thursday. On Monday, they will need to bring in the appropriate swimming kit; towel, goggles, swim hat, swimming costume etc.

Welcome back Dosbarth Whitesands!

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.

Our topic this term will be 'Wonders of the World'.

Curriculum Focus for this term

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

1. What makes the world wonderful?
2. Why might people travel?
3. How does travel affect our world?

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:

- **Domestic Church: Family** - Ourselves: Who am I?
- **Baptism/Confirmation:** Life Choices: Is commitment important?
- **Advent/Christmas:** Hope: What does it mean to live in hope?
- **Our virtues this term will be Compassionate and Loving and Faith-filled and Hopeful.**

Maths and Numeracy

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

This term we will be focusing on:

- *Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- *Identifying multiples, factors and prime numbers below 10
- *Estimating by rounding to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- *Measuring and calculating perimeter and area
- *Measuring and recording temperatures involving positive and negative readings
- *Using mean, median, mode and range to describe a data set

Topic

Our topic this term will be 'Wonders of the World'.

We will be exploring this topic across all areas of learning, expressive arts, science and technology, humanities, and health and wellbeing. The teaching will support the development of literacy, numeracy and digital 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 finding out about the different Wonders of the World, comparing and contrasting what life is like nearby, how and why people travel and much more.