

# Dosbarth Newgale Curriculum Letter Autumn 2022

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## Language, Literacy and Communication

This term, we will read the Empathy Lab text, 'Five Ways to Make a Friend' by Gillian Cross. Empathy Lab texts aims to build children's empathy, literacy and social activism through a systematic use of high-quality literature.

Throughout our literacy learning, pupils will have the opportunity to:

- Learn and write their own warning story, focusing on setting and suspense using Talk for Writing. We will be using the Talk for Writing model text, 'The Stone Trolls'.
- Explore persuasion and discussion through Talk for Writing.
- Explore and write their own free-verse poem.

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

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 first person. In addition to our weekly Welsh lessons, pupils will also further enhance their skills by completing Welsh reading and oracy activities.

## Health and Wellbeing

PE will be on a Wednesday for the first half of the term. Pupils will participate in PE activities led by 'Swansea City Primary Stars' coaches.

PE will be on a Tuesday for the second half of the term, and will be taught by Mrs. Kerrison.

## Welcome back, Dosbarth Newgale!

Croeso nô! Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready to begin a new school year. This letter outlines the curriculum focus for each area of learning this term. We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child at home with the work they are engaging in at school.

This term, our topic focus is, 'Darganfod Cymru' (Discovering Wales). Pupil voice continues to lead our learning, and the children have had the opportunity to write questions in order to plan what they would like to find out. I am very impressed with the enquiry questions they have come up with! They have really helped me to plan exciting and purposeful activities, allowing lots of opportunities to explore, investigate and research. We are excited to see where our learning takes us!

## Curriculum Focus for this term

### **Darganfod Cymru** Discovering Wales

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

Why should I be proud to live in Wales?

What are the treasures of Wales?

How can we help to change our country for the better?

## 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:

Homes – What makes a house a home?

Promises – why make promises?

Visitors – Are visitors always welcome?

Our virtues this term will be Compassionate and Loving and

Faith-filled and Hopeful.

## Maths and Numeracy

- Reading, writing and interpreting numbers.
- Understanding the place value of a number.
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.
- Comparing and estimating with numbers.
- Ordering and sequencing numbers.
- Adding and subtracting whole numbers, using a variety of written and mental methods.
- Multiplying and dividing whole numbers, using a range of representations, including sharing, grouping and arrays.
- Exploring 2D shapes and their properties in a range of contexts.
- Exploring reflective symmetry.

In addition to the above, pupils will also participate in 'Quick Fire Maths' starter activities, which 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.

## Topic

We will explore our topic across all areas of learning, allowing pupils to participate in authentic learning experiences through the expressive arts, science and technology, humanities and health and well-being. Literacy, numeracy and digital competency skills will continue to be developed throughout topic activities.

Throughout our topic, pupils will be at the centre of the learning and have had the opportunity to share what they would like to learn about. This topic, pupils will explore and compare places in Wales, and then compare further with the wider world. Pupils will also explore why the Welsh language is a treasure of Wales, discover the well-being goals for Wales and share ways we can help make a positive change.