

Dosbarth Newgale Curriculum Letter Spring 2021

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Language, Literacy and Communication

We will begin by reading 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith. The book follows the adventure of a boy who spills a jar of water into a stream and follows its journey until it bursts into the vast open sea. We will also be reading the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner, which shows the journey of an under-water camera. Throughout our literacy learning, learners will have the opportunity to:

- Write dialogue between two fictional characters
 - Write a non-fiction information portrait on David Attenborough
 - Write an explanation text, explaining why our oceans are polluted.
 - Explore poetry
- We will also be using Talk for Writing and Oracy 21 to further enhance our literacy skills.

Topic

We will explore our topic 'Wonderful Water' 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:

- Use case studies to explore and compare the access to water around the world.
- Complete a water audit to discover how much water we use in our households, and how this can be reduced.
- Explore plastic pollution and the effect it is having on our oceans and sea creatures.. Explore the ways we can help.
- Explore with a range of materials to design and build a durable bridge.

Physical Development

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon as part of our Well-being Wednesdays.

Swansea City Primary Stars coaches will lead the PE lesson every fortnight. Learners will also use movement to show the journey of water through a creative dance.

Welcome back Dosbarth Newgale!

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Happy New Year! I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas break, and are ready to begin Spring term in Year 3! 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 engaging in at school.

This term, the children have chosen for our topic focus to be 'water'. 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 I have been sent via Google Classroom! They have really helped me to plan exciting and meaningful lessons, allowing lots of opportunities to explore, investigate and research.

Curriculum Focus for this term

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

How is water important to all life on Earth?

Do all humans across the world have a fair access to clean water?

What is plastic pollution and how can we help?

Welsh Language Development

Pupils will continue to develop their Welsh oracy, writing and reading skills through the Welsh topics 'Y Tywydd' and 'Dewi Sant'. Pupils will be introduced to new vocabulary as well as a variety of new phrases and sentence patterns. In addition to our weekly Welsh lessons, pupils will also further enhance their skills by completing Welsh reading and oracy activities.

Mathematical Development

We will continue to complete our daily 'quick maths' activities, where learners will use their number knowledge to answer quick fire questions. This term we will be focusing on:

- Calculating the input and output of a function machine using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Recalling 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 multiplication tables and using this knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems
- Multiplying numbers by 10
- Fractions
- Using money to find totals and calculate change.
- Using standard units to estimate and measure length
- Calculating perimeter, area and drawing lines to the nearest half cm.
- Using the four compass points to give and follow directions.
- Data handling

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:

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

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

Science

Science will be taught through 'hands on' investigation, where children will further develop skills and expand their knowledge and understanding. Learners will explore the water cycle, states of water, weather, as well as comparing species that live in different water environments.