

Dosbarth Newgale Curriculum Letter Summer 2022

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Language, Literacy and Communication

This term, our class novel will be, 'Song of the Dolphin Boy' by Elizabeth Laird. The story follows a young boy whose passion is to share the importance of looking after the world we live in.

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

- Learn and write their own wishing tale, focusing on dialogue using Talk for Writing. We will be using the model text, 'The Lonely Bear'.
- Explore, retell and write an information text
- Explore and write their rap through poetry.

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

Topic

Our topic for this term is, 'Deep Sea Detectives'. 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:

- Learn about the importance of our oceans.
- Research and create a model to show understanding of the layers of the ocean
- Explore the creatures who live in the deep sea
- Explore plastic pollution and its effect on sea life
- Discuss the ways in which we can become more sustainable as a school, as a community and as a world
- Research explorers who have explored the deep sea

Physical Development

Pupils will participate in PE activities on a Thursday afternoon for the first half-term, and on a Wednesday afternoon for the second half term.

PE sessions will be taught by both Swansea City Primary Stars coaches and the WRU hub officer.

Welcome back, Dosbarth Newgale!

Croeso nô!

I hope you have had a relaxing Easter break. We are ready to begin our final term here in Year 3, and are very excited for the new learning opportunities and experiences this term will bring.

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 - Deep Sea Detectives

Why do God's oceans matter?

How can we help to protect our oceans and sea creatures?

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 describe shapes, houses, as well as collecting and analysing data in Welsh. Pupils will also complete role-play activities with a focus on customer service. In addition to our weekly Welsh lessons, pupils will also further enhance their skills by completing Welsh reading and oracy activities.

Mathematics and Numeracy

- Revisit multiplication and division
- Recognise and classify 2D and 3D shapes
- Identify right angles
- Represent data using Venn and Carroll diagrams
- Find fractional quantities linked to known multiplication facts
- Explore digital and analogue time
- Use a thermometer to take temperature readings
- Use standard units to estimate and measure weight and capacity
- Use the four compass points to give and follow directions

In addition to the above, pupils will also participate in 'Quick Fire 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:

1. Energy – Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
2. Choices – Importance of examination of conscience.
3. Special Places – Holy Places for Jesus and the Christian Community.
4. Exploring other religions – Islam – The Mosque.

Our virtues this term will be:

- Attentive and Discerning
- Compassionate and Loving

Science

Science will be taught through 'hands on' investigation, where children will further develop skills and expand their knowledge and understanding. Learners will explore and investigate what animals and plants rely on for survival as well as the environmental factors that affect what grows and lives in two contrasting environments.