

Dosbarth Abereiddy Curriculum Letter Autumn 2023

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Language, Literacy and Communication

This term, we will read the empathy text, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. Empathy texts aim 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 a quest story, focusing on descriptive techniques using Talk for Writing.
- Explore, retell and write a discussion text.
- Explore a variety of poetry techniques.

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

Pupils will continue to develop their Welsh oracy, writing and reading skills using the Welsh continuum. Pupils will be introduced to new vocabulary as well as a variety of new phrases, questions and sentence patterns to describe in the first and third person.. In addition to our weekly Welsh lessons, pupils will also further enhance their skills during daily 'slot drillio' sessions, where we will learn and recap vocabulary. We will continue to introduce 'Spanish' as our Modern Foreign Language this academic year in line with Curriculum for Wales.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, pupils will have a swimming lesson on a Monday morning and PE on a Monday afternoon.

Please can pupils wear their PE kit to school on a Monday.

Croeso Nol! Welcome Back!

Welcome to Dosbarth Abereiddy! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break, spending time as a family and making memories. 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.

A gentle reminder that pupils are expected to bring their reading folder to school each day. Logins for Hwb, Reading Eggs and Mathletics can be found on the first page of their reading record. Pupils will also have spellings to learn throughout the week, and will be tested on a Friday.

I look forward to teaching your children once again this year, and for most of you, their final year in Primary school! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via Seesaw.
Diolech, Miss Williams

Curriculum Focus for this term

'The World of Work'

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

**Where will my skills and qualities take me?
What does learning look like for me?**

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. Loving – God who never stops loving.
2. Vocation and Commitment – The vocation of Priesthood and religious life.
3. Expectations – Jesus, born to show God to the world.
4. Exploring other religions – Islam – The Five Pillars of Islam.

Our virtues this term will be 'Grateful and Generous' and 'Attentive and Discerning'.

Maths and Numeracy

During our maths learning this term, we will:

- Use a range of representations to develop and secure understanding of place value.
- Read and writing numbers up to 1 million and 3 decimal places.
- Extend understanding of the number system, including negative numbers.
- Estimate and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 or whole number.
- Use a range of strategies and representations to add and subtract numbers, using whole numbers and decimals.
- Use a range of strategies to check calculations including the use of inverse operations and equivalent calculations
- Explore and consolidate understanding of 2D shapes,
- Multiply and divide numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Use a range of strategies and representations to multiply and divide numbers.
- Add and subtract totals, manage money, compare costs and calculate profit and loss.

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 sessions, 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.

This term, our topic focus is, 'The World of Work'. Pupil voice continues to lead our learning, and the children have had the opportunity to generate questions in order to plan what they would like to find out.

We will explore our individual skills and qualities, and research which jobs might be possibilities for us for the future. We will also begin Leading our Learning sessions, where pupils will explore how the brain works, and how this helps us to learn.