

Dosbarth Whitesands Curriculum Letter Autumn 2023

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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 explore a variety of poetry techniques. We will use Talk4Writing and Oracy 21 to further enhance our literacy skills. Our class books this term will be 'The Bubble Boy' by Stewart Foster and 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold.

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 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 (rugby at Pembrokeshire College). 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 'The World of Work'.

Curriculum Focus for this term

What is my role in the working 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 Grateful and Generous**

Maths and Numeracy

Throughout the term we will continue to develop the children's mental arithmetic skills through quick fire Maths.

This term we will be focusing on:

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication. and division
- Partitioning
- Number lines to 10,000
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 & 10,000
- Negative Numbers
- Adding and Subtracting more than 4 digits
- Length and perimeter
- Estimating and approximating
- Problem solving

Topic

Our topic this term will be 'The World of Work.' The children have asked if we can invite people who do interesting jobs to come into school so we can learn about their different roles. Thank you for the support and contacts you have already given us. Some of the visitors we have coming into school include: a business owner, detectives, an architect, a national park ranger, researchers, a postman, a squadron leader RAFVRT; as well as video calls with a software engineer and a film set designer.

Following these visits, the children will be developing a variety of skills across the curriculum. This includes creating a persuasive advert, the use of a calendar to make bookings and calculating the cost of the trip, building their own websites and a parachute science investigation.

It's going to be a busy term!