

Dosbarth Whitesands Curriculum Letter Spring 2023

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Language, Literacy and Communication

Initially in literacy this term children will be writing a legend where a monster is defeated. This will be based upon our model text 'Beowulf.' Children will also write recounts and write to inform. In poetry we will write a cinquain. We will also be using Voice 21 to further enhance our literacy skills.

Our class book novel this term will be 'The Tale of Truthwater Lake' by Emma Carroll.

This term, we will be continuing to use the Welsh continuum in our Welsh lessons. We will be focusing on giving commands and how to make things. Children will produce instructions to link with our topic work. 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.

This term we will continue to introduce Spanish to our learners in line with Curriculum for Wales.

Health and Wellbeing

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon this term. The sessions will be run by our local Swansea City Premier League Stars Coach and will continue to focus on the development of multi skills. Please could pupils wear their PE kit to school on a Wednesday.

Welcome back Dosbarth Whitesands!

Croeso nô! We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break and are ready for this term.

This letter outlines the curriculum focus for each area 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 'Planet Protectors'.

Curriculum Focus for this term

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

1. Why is the Earth in danger?
2. What can we do to protect the environment around us?
3. How is climate change affecting our planet?

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:

- Local Church: Community** - Mission – Continuing Jesus' mission in the diocese.
- Eucharist: Relating** – Memorial Sacrifice - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice.
- Lent/Easter-Giving** – Sacrifice - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus.

Our virtues this term will be Eloquent and Truthful and Learned and Wise.

Maths and Numeracy

Throughout the term we will continue to develop the children's mental arithmetic skills through quick fire maths and knowledge of the four operations.

This term we will be focusing on the following numeracy skills:

- Using mental strategies to recall multiplication tables and using this knowledge to solve division problems
- Fractions, percentages and decimals
- Functions - use multistep function machines to generate input and output using all four operations.

Topic

Our topic this term will be 'Planet Protectors' which will link directly with the Global Goal of Climate Action.

We will be exploring this topic across all areas of learning, expressive arts, science and technology, humanities, and health and wellbeing and the teaching will support the development of literacy, numeracy and digital skills.

Throughout this topic, the children will be at the centre of their learning in planning what they would like to find out. They have expressed an interest in finding out about how our actions as humans impact on the planet, looking at who is involved in protecting our planet and investigating what we can do to reduce our footprint on the world.