



BOOKS THIS TERM



LANGAUGE, LITERACY AND COMMUNICATION

Oracy

Pupils will continue to use the iHwb to develop their confidence in speaking and using expression. Podcasting – Pupils will be creating their own podcast in the second half of the term. This will be linked to sustainability.

Reading

Pupils will have 3 x weekly phonics sessions. We will focus on punctuation and comprehension skills for spring term.

Writing Genres

- Persuasive writing – Speech
- Recount – Historical narrative
- Letter Writing
- Playscript
- Poetry – List poem
- Critical Reflection (art)

Welsh

Pupils will have daily Welsh games and 1 x weekly Welsh lesson. We will explore the language patterns and how to transfer a sentence from present tense to both past tense, and future tense (as pupils are ready).

A large focus will be placed on having conversations in Welsh, where pupils will practise asking and answering fundamental questions for conversation e.g 'beth wyt ti'n hoffi wneud?'

New learning alert! – Pupils will learn past tense verbs for the first time this term.

MATHS AND NUMERACY

Times Table focus

Pupils will work on their target times tables through TTRS.

In class, we will focus on 3s, 4s, 6s and 8s. We will use related calculations to make links between 3s and 6s and between 4s and 8s.

Main topics

Multiplication – Multiplying using written and mental methods, multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number.

Division – Written methods for division including the bus stop method, making links between multiplication and division.

Money – Linking to previous learning (four operations), pupils will look at real-life maths in the context of money.

Time – telling the time and calculating the difference in times.

Consolidation topics

Addition and Subtraction – We will keep revising our written and mental methods for adding and subtracting. This will form part of our maths challenges.

Ordering numbers – We will work with numbers up to 1000 to consolidate place value.

Measure – We will use our previous measure learning to calculate distance.

HUMANITIES

Geography

Pupils will use global maps to explore the movement of the Windrush generation. They will explore compass points and link this to coding.

Pupils will use maps to discover how places have changed over time, focusing on Cardiff Bay.

History

Pupils will investigate the Windrush generation and their impact on Wales over time.

Pupils will complete a timeline about Shirley Bassey, to activate their learning from last year.

Pupils will learn about the Commonwealth.

Religious Values Education

We will complete a short enquiry unit in which pupils explore an element of Islam. This will link with their writing unit about the Proudest Blue.

Pupils will learn about the Easter story towards the end of term.

Pupils will learn about Ramadan and then make comparisons with Lent.



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USEFUL APPS / WEBSITES



The login details for these apps/websites will be on your child's learning passport.

Homework will be set fortnightly from 10.01.25

Pupils can choose to access via Google Classroom or SeeSaw.



Parent Overview :- Year 3 Spring 2025 THEME: How can we make our world a more sustainable place?



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Portraits & Tone

Pupils will develop their knowledge of tone and build towards creating a portrait of a historical/current significant figure linked to the Windrush generation.

Pupils will explore tone in-depth before building to their final portrait piece.

Printing

Pupils will be learning how to print using different media, including inks.

Pupils will explore colour and layers as part of this unit and consider how layers can be used to create texture and depth in an image.

Reggae Music

Pupils will complete a unit of work on Reggae music and explore how this genre of music has developed over time.

Singing

Pupils will develop their understanding of singing techniques this term. This will be through their Reggae unit of work and as part of their Eisteddfod rehearsals.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PE

Pupils will have PE **every Thursday** up until February half term, where pupils will be engaging in a unit of work on dance.

Following half term, PE will be **every Wednesday** and pupils will be learning the fundamentals of hockey.

Upbeat Music and Dance will be delivering some PE sessions throughout the term.

Outdoor Learning (second half term)

Following half term, pupils will have a series of lessons requiring them to be outdoors. These lessons will be aligned to a unit of work by the Woodland Trust

Jigsaw – 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'

Wellbeing lessons this term will mainly be centred around the topics of 'dreams and goals' and 'healthy me'.

Pupils will look at ambitions and resilience as key learning topics in the first half term.

Pupils will move on to learning about healthy choices in their lives for the second half of term.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Plants

Pupils will complete a unit of work on plants in the first half of this term.

Pupils planted in our class planter back in autumn term and they will use their flowers as part of their learning.

They will be finding out about:

- The parts of a plant
- The parts of a flower
- Why plants are important for humans
- Why we have different plants in different environments.

The Nervous System

Pupils will move on to learning the nervous system in the second half of this term and this will link directly with their Jigsaw topics.

Pupils will learn about:

- The parts of the human brain
- The functions of particular parts of the brain
- Memory and the brain
- The upstairs and downstairs brain
- Neurons



KEY DATES/WOW DAYS

PLEASE ALSO SEE DIARY OF EVENTS FOR FURTHER DATES AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20.01.2025 – 24.01.2025:- World Religion Week.

22.01.2025 – Workshop for Y3 with Commonwealth athlete

25.01.2025 – Santes Dwywnwen Day

29.01.2025 – Chinese New Year Day

31.01.2025 – Wear red for Velindre

03.02.2025 - 07.02.2025 - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (Know Yourself, Grow Yourself).

04.02.2025 – Pupil/parent progress meetings

14.02.2025 – Valentine Disco

24.02.2025 – 28.02.2025 – HALF TERM

03.03.2025 – St David's Day / Eisteddfod (pupils are invited to wear traditional dress, or the colours red, white and/or green)

06.03.2025 – World Book Day (pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character.)

21.03.2025 – Red Nose Day

11.04.2025 – END OF TERM

28.04.2025 – Pupils return for summer term.