

Dosbarth Gwyrdd

Curriculum Statement



Croeso Nol! Welcome back. We hope that you have had a wonderful Easter break,. The children have enjoyed sharing their favourite memories with us already this week.

Our topic for this half term is **All Abroad**, which will see us studying various destinations around the world. We will spend time focusing on Wales, Africa, Australia and Hawaii to name a few. We have kick started our topic by learning about Clydach and its place within the World, we thoroughly enjoyed exploring the local area during our WOW topic introduction on Monday.

The Foundation Phase Curriculum is divided into 7 areas of learning, it is these areas of learning that we will focus on in Reception, where the children will complete a range of activities (Both adult and child led) linked to our topic.

Language, Literacy and Communication Skills-

We will study a range of texts as part of this topic including Meerkat Mail, The Snail and the Whale, Does a kangaroo have a mother too and a range of Non-fiction texts to provide us with factual information based on the countries we will be studying. We will be comparing the features of fiction and non fiction books. We will spend time learning about and writing a range of forms of writing such as fact files, postcards, letters and brochures. We will use a range of ICT devices to create videos, green screen clips and booklets to record oracy and written work.

Mathematical Development-

We will spend time focusing on naming and describing the properties of 2d and 3d shapes, using a range of shapes to create models and pictures. When focusing on number we will continue practicing reciting numbers to 100, in a variety of sequences (2s 10s and 1s) using a 100 square to help us identify them correctly. We will begin to order numbers from smallest to largest to at least 20 as well as becoming familiar with number words. We will explore doubling, halving and partitioning numbers into tens and units.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Throughout the half term we will spend time learning about each of our focus countries in depth using books and ICT resources to research information. We will study globes, atlas and maps to compare each place. We will learn about our local area through maps plotting routes to follow during our Local area visit. When studying our locality we will research what it was like in the past and compare how Clydach has changed over time.

Welsh Language Development

We use Welsh as an integral part of our day, where the children are encouraged to follow simple instructions, respond and communicate their needs using known phrases. Welsh is taught daily as part of our helpur heddiw sessions, where we will read Welsh texts, sing Welsh songs and rhymes and learn new words and phrases., this half term we will particularly be focusing on animal names and food vocabulary. Welsh Phrases of the week will be sent home as part of our weekly home learning.

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Creative Development

Throughout the half term we will explore a range of tools and materials to create a variety of pieces of art work including collages, 3d models, observational drawings and paintings. We will create observational drawings and models of our local area, African sunset art work and paintings of animals from a variety of countries. The children will be encouraged to plan, design and evaluate their work individually and as part of a group. We will explore music from other cultures, the children will be encouraged to listen and respond to and create their own examples.

Physical Development

Our PE days this half term are Monday and Tuesdays (Please see information below for PE kit) during these sessions the children will be encouraged to develop their Gross motor skills through a range of indoor and outdoor apparatus, listen and respond to instructions, moving and working safely in a space. Our focus for this half term is Games and Athletics in preparation for our Sports Day.

Fine motor skills will be developed through classroom apparatus such as weekly funky finger focus activities, threading, pegboards and small construction apparatus.

Personal, Social Development

Our SEAL topic this half term is Relationships, we will spend time discussing the different relationships we have with a variety of people and how important these relationships are to us.

Other information

PE days- Monday and Tuesday (we recommend that PE kits remain in school all week to allow us to participate in extra sessions should the opportunity arise)

Please ensure that your child has PE kit- PE kit consists of a white polo shirt/ T shirt, Black shorts/ Joggers and plimsoles or trainers.

School dinners are available at the cost of £2.40 per day/ £12 per week. Snack (fresh fruit) is available at the cost of 25p per day/ £1.25 per week.

Don't forget to follow us on twitter (@dosbarthgwyrdd) for daily updates or add us on schoop (app available through app stores) (Schoop ID 11122)

Weekly home learning letters will be sent home every Friday, these will inform you of home tasks to complete with your child and will share with you what we have been busy doing in class.

**If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.
Many thanks Miss L Lewis**