



St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Term: Autumn

Class/Dosbarth: 4

Teacher/Athrawes: Miss R Reece



Dear/Annwyl Parents,

We would like to inform you of the work and activities planned for your children this term. This term our topic is based upon the topic 'Explore. Dream. Discover.' In line with the new curriculum which will be embedded over the next few years, 'pupil voice' is a vital component. Therefore, some of the activities planned for this topic will include your children's ideas.

English: In the first half term, the novel *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl will be our leading text. We will be using the text as a basis to inspire the following work: character descriptions, interpreting plot, writing recounts and alternative endings as well as making inferences about characters and crafting sentences. In the second half term we will study the following genres: narrative stories from other cultures, explanation texts and imaginative rhyming poetry.

Maths: We will focus on the following aspects: understanding place value including decimal numbers, recalling times tables, halving and doubling 3 digit numbers, solving problems involving addition and subtraction (including money up to £10) and continuing number sequences. The children will learn to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 and extend their knowledge of 2-d shape. Independently and as a class, they will collect, organise, represent and interpret data. The children will have the opportunity to convert units of measure (mm, cm, m, km and miles) and use scales to weigh objects to the nearest 5g, 10g, 25g or 100g as well as measure capacities to the nearest 50ml or 100ml.

Children will also be working through 'Rich Tasks' which link in more than 1 element to solve a problem.

Foundation Subjects

Welsh: Pupils will be practising their Welsh skills daily through games and placemats, conversations and role play. We will cover the following: how to talk about ourselves, discussing and writing a recount, instructions and documentary style videos. The pupils will have opportunities to read different Welsh texts and will learn new language patterns, including how to discuss what they can see and hear.

R.E. (Religious Education): Please refer to the RE termly Newsletter.

Science: Our topic this term is 'Materials'. We will be comparing natural and man-made materials, looking at the properties of materials, measuring temperature with standard equipment, conducting investigations and recording findings.

P.E. (Physical Education): This term we will be enjoying both outdoor team building activities and netball. We will also be taking part in the daily mile. We will be participating in PE lessons

twice a week. While moving toward the new curriculum, we would ask that PE kits are available daily, so that we can provide an enriched and flexible curriculum to our children.

History: The children will be researching and learning about explorers and 'dreamers' through history and some discoveries made over time, through our topic 'Explore. Dream. Discover.'

Geography: The children will increase their knowledge and understanding of different localities and environments, making comparisons and investigating reasons for the natural and human features of different localities.

Music: We will sing songs, play instruments and create simple compositions this term using instruments both handmade and traditional.

Art and D.T. (Design and Technology): The children will be engaging in creative activities weekly and will cover objectives including: selecting and recording their ideas and feelings through drawing and other methods, using a range of materials, tools and techniques to achieve different outcomes and experimenting with visual, tactile and sensory qualities.

ICT: This term we will be discussing the amount of time children should spend on a device as well as altering images and identifying the positive and negative aspects of technology. As well as this, the pupils will be developing their research skills using the Internet.

Home Learning: A new homework menu will be provided. You may notice that there are less choices. We would like you to complete one item a week.

Reading: If the children could bring their book bags at least once a week, I (Miss Reece) can hear them read and they will be able to change books when they have completed them.

Other Information:

- Mrs McCarron will be covering the class Monday afternoon for Miss Reece's management time and Tuesday morning for PPA.
- Monday 25th November 'Warburton's Sandwich Making Workshop'

We hope you will find this information useful.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued co-operation and support. If you have any queries/questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Miss Reece - Class Teacher
Mrs J. Weightman - Head Teacher

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