

## **Year 2 Curriculum News**

### **Autumn Term 2024**

This term Year 2 will focus on various areas of the Curriculum for Wales. The children will learn to improve their Science & Technology, Expressive Arts, History, Geography and Business/Social Studies skills. We will centre our Autumn term learning around the topic of 'Remember, Remember' with a focus on Wales and the wider world. Our LLC and Mathematics and Numeracy will be taught alongside these areas with a cross-curricular approach towards our lessons.

### **Languages, Literacy and Communication**

We will be covering a range of genres this term. The fiction genres will include story writing and poetry where we will be looking at the use of describing words to expand our vocabulary. The non-fiction genres will cover newspaper article writing and diary entries focusing on grammar, punctuation and spelling. Writing will be linked to our topic and R.E. Pupils will have the opportunity to read daily during Read Write Inc. sessions and weekly with a member of staff. Spelling and handwriting will be taught through our Read Write Inc. scheme of work.

### **Welsh & International Languages**

During Welsh and Spanish lessons this term the children will be introduced to topic related vocabulary as well as incidental phrases. They will be involved in a variety of activities so that their knowledge, understanding and skills are developed within an integrated programme of speaking, listening and reading. A vast amount of their learning will be through oracy games and songs to increase vocabulary. The children will also learn about Wales and their locality through their topic work.

#### ***How you can help:***

Please encourage your children to discuss their weekly extended write at home to develop their vocabulary and inspire ideas. Please also ensure that your child reads at home and is read to wherever possible.

### **Mathematics and Numeracy**

Mathematics and Numeracy work will continue to build on the pupils' knowledge of place value and the four number operations – multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. Our space, data and measure work will include identifying 2D/3D shapes and using standard and non-standard measures. We will also be looking at tally charts, block graphs and pictograms. Children will be taught to use different mathematical strategies through problem solving and mental maths activities. Children will also be learning mental strategies through 'Big Maths'.

***How you can help:***

Practise counting and multiplication tables with your children and carry out mental maths problems. There are some example questions on the school website. Please ensure all homework via MyMaths is up to date.

**RE**

We will be posing significant questions during RE this term and we will learn about important people in the Bible. The children will also be exploring the subject of Incarnation as well as Christian festivals and how Christmas is celebrated in different countries through our Understanding Christianity scheme of work.

**Health and Well-being**

P.E. lessons with Mr Nurton will be held on Thursdays/Fridays. This may change to an earlier date in the week if Mr Nurton is not available. It is important that every pupil takes part in as much PE as possible and brings their PE kit to school on a Monday morning ready for the week. We will also be learning about healthy eating and how we can maintain a healthy lifestyle. Our well-being work will centre around our Jigsaw scheme of work.

**Science and Technology**

This term we will be using apps such as pic collage and Chatterpix to create artwork and to express our interest using oracy skills. The children will also use Hwb to create bar charts and tables. Children will be using apps to improve their Maths, Language and creative skills. Children will also learn how to animate using apps and learn how to be digital citizens through the Digital Competency Framework. We will be using Hwb to learn how to communicate. During Science lessons, the children will explore the properties of materials and choose different materials for a particular use.

**Humanities and Expressive Arts**

Our topic Remember, Remember has a historical/geographical focus and we will be looking at how a disaster from the past has helped shape our world. The children will learn about and explore the Great Fire of London. At the heart of this project children will learn about historical facts and figures such as dates and timelines. Children will also compare the differences between historical times and their lives today. They will make comparisons between Welsh Stuarts, how Stuarts lived in London and modern day people. They will learn about Samuel Pepys, famous Black historians, famous Welsh historians and make modern day comparisons. The children will be taught about significant figures during those events and will study about diary entries through the work of Samuel Pepys. We will use drama to act out the stories and bring history to life. We will look at famous Welsh landmarks and make comparisons to the London landscape now and during that period. During Expressive Arts lessons we will learn to sew and make Stuart clothing. Our

artwork will also deepen our understanding of famous celebrations such as Bonfire night and Christmas.

## **Homework**

Homework will be sent home on a Thursday via a homework letter on parent pay. The homework letter will describe the Maths homework via MyMaths and general information. New reading books will be sent home during Week 2 and will be changed when your children have read them.

I am extremely excited for the memorable year ahead with Year 2. If you have any questions during this term, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Mrs Samuel