

# **Year 2 Curriculum News**

## **Spring Term 2025**

This term Year 2 will be using the topic **Big Wide World** as their focus across the curriculum.

### **Languages Literacy and Communication**

We will continue to consolidate knowledge of phonic sounds/blends and continue to introduce new spelling patterns and tricky words. We will be recounting stories looking at viewpoints of different characters in various books. We will also be looking at character descriptions and revisit poetry writing throughout the term. Non-fiction writing will look at diary writing and postcards which will have a strong link to our topic work. We will then begin to write explanation texts and reports and use these to learn new ICT skills on Hwb.

### **Welsh**

Children will be learning about Y Tywydd - the weather. Welsh will continue to form part of our daily routine with commands, instructions and our daily helpwr heddiw sessions. A vast amount of learning will be through oracy games and songs to increase vocabulary.

### **International Languages**

We will continue to learn new Spanish vocabulary/phrases through our Big Wide World topic and learn basic introductory vocabulary *e.g. greetings, numbers, colours etc.* independently.

**How you can help:** Each week the children will complete an extended write. Please encourage your children to discuss this at home to develop their vocabulary and inspire ideas. Please also ensure that your child reads at home and is read to at home, wherever possible.

### **Maths and Numeracy**

Numeracy work will continue to build on the pupils' knowledge of place value and the four number operations - multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. We will also be looking at concepts such as symmetry and thinking about coordinates and how they are used. We will study shape, data and measure. Children will be taught to use different mathematical strategies through problem solving, numerical

reasoning and mental maths activities. Children will also be learning mental strategies through Big Maths.

**How can you help:** Practise multiplication tables with your pupils and carry out mental maths problems. There are some example questions on the school website of numerical reasoning. Please ensure all homework is up to date.

## **RE**

We posing significant questions during RE this term, such as asking the children to consider how the bible relates to them/learning about significant people in the bible. The children will be looking in depth about people who followed God as well as thinking about people/things we commit ourselves and make promises to. We will also be learning about Islam; places of worship, religious books, celebrations and food.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

Our P.E. days are Thursdays and Fridays. It is important that every pupil takes part in as much PE as possible and brings their PE kit to school, we will send them home at the end of each half term / term to be washed. Our wellbeing work will focus on the Jigsaw scheme of work.

## **Science and Technology**

Children will continue to use Hwb and various apps/educational ICT games, to improve their Maths, Literacy and creative skills. Children will be exploring ideas around screen time, online safety, carbon footprint and many others to better their understanding of how to be digital citizens through the Digital Competency Framework. We will be using Hwb to learn how to communicate and research. Children will also be using their engineering skills to create structures using a variety of materials and think about what properties those materials have that make them easy or hard to build with.

## **Humanities and Expressive Arts**

Our topic Big Wide World has a strong humanities link through geography and history. Children will be learning about significant events that have happened in the past across various places in the world. They will also be looking at maps of the world and learning about the world's continents. The class will be designing their own flags and engineering their own globes using everyday materials.

## Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Thursday via a homework letter on parent pay unless you have requested a paper copy from the office. The homework will be via MyMaths unless paper homework is sent home. New reading books will be sent home weekly and will be changed when your children have read them.

The children have made such a wonderful start to Year 2 and I am very excited for the learning opportunities and fun that awaits us during the Spring Term. If you have any concerns or queries, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me. I encourage an open-door policy.

Thank you kindly,  
Mrs Samuel