

Blwyddyn 5 / Year 5 Curriculum News – Autumn 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share an overview of the learning your children will be undertaking this term.

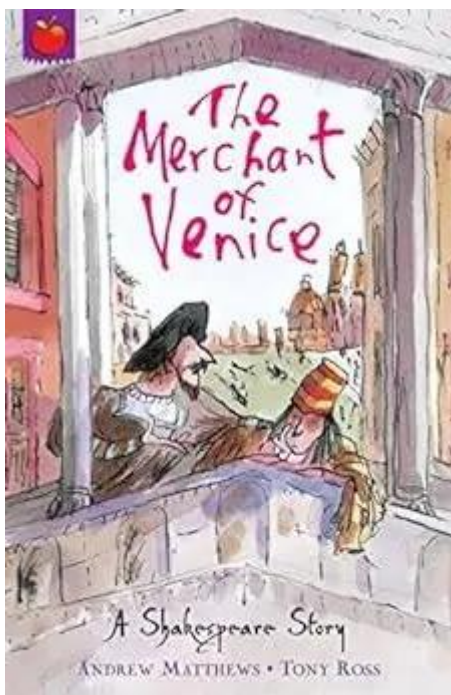
Current dates for the diary:

Thursday 25th September – Trip to Sony Pencoed. Bus departs approx. 09:35. This is also school photo day so learners will need to wear uniform on their top half, then appropriate clothing such as jogging bottoms for their lower half in readiness for forest school activities at Sony Pencoed.

Monday 9th March 2026 – Llangrannog trip. We will be away until Wednesday 11th March. It will be a chance for learners to access learning experiences and activities that we cannot provide in school. I shall hold a parent meeting to discuss further details later in the term – date TBC.

Literacy, Language and Communication

As our topic for this term is ‘The Age of Discovery’, our focus book will be **The Merchant of Venice** by William Shakespeare. There are many adapted versions available, but the one we will be using in class is adapted by Andrew Matthews & Tony Moss (image below). It would be beneficial if every child had a copy of their own. Second hand copies are readily available online.



This term, our class will be focusing on a variety of writing and communication skills. Learners will have the opportunity to develop their abilities through letter writing, creating diary entries from the perspective of a character, engaging in persuasive writing, exploring poetry, and participating in character role play.

How you can help:

We encourage parents to support their children's learning by helping with weekly spelling practice and ensuring that learners read regularly at home.

Mathematics and Numeracy

Learners will be developing their mathematical skills across a range of areas. They will focus on the four operations, doubling and halving, exploring shapes, working with fractions and equivalent fractions, collecting and interpreting data, and measuring weight and height. Learners will also work on solving word problems and developing their numerical reasoning skills.

How you can help:

Parents can support their children by encouraging regular practice of mathematical concepts at home and discussing everyday examples of maths in real-life situations.

Welsh

Learners will be developing their Welsh language skills through a variety of practical and engaging topics. They will be learning how to talk about birthdays, describe the ages of people and animals, express feelings, discuss common illnesses, talk about clothing, and describe where they live. Parents can support their children by encouraging them to practice speaking and listening to Welsh at home, reinforcing vocabulary, and engaging in simple conversations using the new language they are learning.

R.E.

Learners will continue to explore Christianity through discrete lessons. They will focus particularly on specific texts from the Bible and work to deepen their understanding of the religion by engaging with thought-provoking questions and exploring key ideals.

Humanities

Learners will be exploring the topic of the Age of Discovery. They will study famous explorers, examine the development of the world and world trade, and consider how technological advancements during this period influenced the modern world, with a particular focus on Wales. Learners will also investigate the development of maps and how humans' understanding of the world evolved at that time.

Science and Technology

This term, learners will be developing their skills in both science and technology. In technology, they will be using Adobe Express through their HWB accounts to create AI-generated work, developing their digital skills in line with the Digital Competence Framework (DCF). In science, learners will focus on health and diseases, exploring how diets and nutrition have advanced and changed since Tudor times. Parents can support their children by encouraging discussion about their scientific learning at home and by exploring safe and creative uses of technology together.

Expressive Arts

Learners will be engaging in expressive arts through role-playing and dramatic activities. The focus will be on reenacting scenes from *The Merchant of Venice*, which is our class book for the term. Through these activities, learners will develop their creativity, communication skills, and confidence in performing.

Health and Well-being

Please ensure that your children bring their school PE kit at the beginning of the week in preparation for their weekly PE lesson. Kits can be kept in school if required, as PE days may vary. The PE kit should consist of black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt, and suitable outdoor shoes. For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE.

Home Learning

Learners will have red homework books in which they will complete their weekly spellings and other homework tasks. In addition, they will be using the online platforms Seesaw and Sumdog to support their learning at home. Login details for these platforms will be provided and stuck into each child's homework book for easy access. Learners are encouraged to use their Seesaw accounts not only to complete homework but also to upload achievements from home and share things they think their peers may find interesting. Please ensure that homework books are brought in **every Thursday** so spellings can be copied into them.

Reading at Home

I will look to listen to your children read weekly during our ERIC reading sessions. The children are permitted and encouraged to take home books from the school bookshelf and change these as frequently as they would like.

I am excited about the year ahead with such a wonderful group! If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Mr Gibbon.

