

Year 2 Curriculum News Summer Term 2026

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

Languages, Literacy, Communication

We will continue with our daily literacy sessions. These will consolidate knowledge of phonic sounds/blends and continue to introduce new spelling patterns and tricky words. We will begin to use comprehension skills more regularly to find information in texts and understand stories in more depth. We will also revisit poetry writing throughout the term. Non-fiction writing will continue with diary writing/postcards and will have a strong link to our topic work. We will then begin to write explanation texts and reports which will form the basis of some ICT lessons. Pupils will have the opportunity to read daily during literacy time, reading wheel and rainbow challenges. Spelling will be taught through our Read Write Inc. scheme of work and handwriting will be taught using the Nelson handwriting scheme.

Welsh & International Languages

During Welsh and Spanish lessons this term the children will continue to cover various basic topics in Spanish and use their Welsh vocabulary knowledge to build their speech and writing using extended sentences. A variety of language activities will develop their speaking, listening and reading skills in both these languages. A vast amount of their learning will be through oracy games, role play scenarios and songs to easily increase vocabulary in an enjoyable way. The children will also learn Welsh and Spanish words 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.

Maths and Numeracy

This term we will learn more about the four operations with particular focus on division and multiplication, working on our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will revisit time, fractions, conversions (length, capacity, mass etc.) and look at data handling. We will consolidate previous addition and subtraction learning using money. We will work on symmetry and continue to revise shape and classification of objects. Children will continue to work on their numerical reasoning across their Topic and Maths lessons.

How can you help: Continue to practise multiplication tables with your children as frequently as possible. Carry out maths problems using past paper questions on the Year 2 page of school website.

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This term we will start our whole school project Ffrindiau'r Byd (Friends of the World). It encourages the children to think about how their actions can make a positive difference locally and globally. It explores themes like friendship, community, and social justice, helping learners understand global issues such as poverty, fairness, and caring for the environment. The project aims to inspire empathy, responsibility, and a sense of connection with people around the world. In the second half of the term the children will be learning about multi faiths and no faith festivals. The children will be thinking about the question 'What can we learn from the ways that different religions and belief systems promote peace and harmony?'

Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E. days are Thursdays and Fridays which will often be taken by Mr Nurton. It is important that every pupil takes part in as much PE as possible, we will send them home at the end of each half term to be washed. Our wellbeing work will centre around the Jigsaw scheme of work.

Science and Technology

The 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.

This term the children will be learning about habitats and creating their very own micro habitats. The children will be thinking about life cycles of plants and insects. The children will also be performing experiments around conditions to grow plants as well as thinking about the important factors that create life. We will learn how to write simple reports and develop skills in labelling and recording ideas. The 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 researching different artistic techniques from artists around the world and recreating pieces.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursday via a homework letter on parent pay. It will be spellings and one piece of homework that will be based on our literacy, numeracy or topic work. New reading books will be sent home weekly on Friday.

We can't wait to start having fun with our learning this term! If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Mrs Samuel