

Year 1 - Curriculum News

Summer 2026 Topic 'Superheroes'

In line with The New Curriculum for Wales, all six areas of learning and experience will be covered. These areas are:

- Maths and numeracy
- Languages, literacy and communication
- Health and well-being
- Humanities
- Science and technology
- Expressive arts

As a Church in Wales School, your child will also take part in whole school or class daily worships and weekly Religious Education sessions.

This term your children will participate in a variety of learning styles that will include outdoor learning and learning through play.

During the summer term Year 1's topic will be '**Superheroes**' Within these topics all seven areas of learning will be covered.

'Superheroes' has an ICT focus and teaches children how to gather information from a range of sources and use a range of packages to draw, paint, animate and record sounds. At the heart of this topic children will write narrative and fantasy stories using a comic and storyboard format and develop additional skills in the use of speech marks and captions.

Maths and Numeracy

This term we will be continuing to work on recognising and formulating numbers to one hundred, depending on your children's stage of development. The children will be counting forwards and backwards, ordering, doubling, halving, sequencing numbers and exploring addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will be sorting and comparing objects of varied sizes, shapes both 2D and 3D and colour. They will be studying weight and capacity and making tally charts and pictograms.

Through topical activities your children will also be learning about ordinal numbers, time and positional language. The children will be learning to partition numbers into tens and units, order 2-digit numbers and say numbers that lie between 2 numbers. We will be continuing to learn how to tell the time (any help you give at home would help so much! Discussing at what time of day you do certain things gives the children a real head start). We will also be learning to subtract a 1-digit number from a two-digit number and multiples of ten from another. The children will be using one hundred squares and number lines as tools to help them with this.

The children will also be learning to sort and present data in Venn Diagrams.

Language, Literacy, and Communication skills

Our main emphasis will be to continue with the learning and reinforcing of letters and phonemes through Read Write Inc. lessons and other practical activities. During these sessions, your children will be encouraged to take care with their presentation and handwriting (letter formation). The children will be learning high frequency words each week and developing the love of writing for different purposes. As your child's' reading skills develop we will be looking to enhance their quality of reading and writing using a wider range of genres. This term we will have a strong focus on non-fictional texts as well as creative writing through our extended writing activities.

The children are invited to use the writing table in our class through free choice and directed activities, this will have a range of resources on it so that the children can experiment and develop their writing skills.

We will be encouraging your children to speak in front of an audience on a regular basis through topical activities.

Humanities, Science and Technology

Your children will be continuing to learn about our locality, exploring the school grounds and local village. Each day the children will discuss the day, date, month and season and will explore the weather and its changes.

The children will learn about their senses during our Superheroes topic. They will also learn about the jobs of real Superheroes in our lives. In the second half of term the children will be learning about vital facts about the life cycle of mini beasts and their habitats.

Your children will be taking part in a cross-phase collaboration project with Year 5 children. They will be designing a Superhero and Villain and creating an adventure animation. The children will have access to the classroom iPads, and the interactive whiteboard daily.

Health and Well-being

This term there will be a big emphasis on caring - for each other, animals and mini beasts, our immediate environment and the world around us. The children will discover how to look after the school grounds, take part in planting and become aware that we need to care for the plants and the world that we live in. Our role-play areas will also be a focus for social skills development and the children will be playing together interactively through a range of activities.

Our role-play areas this term will consist of an Emergency Services Headquarters and Superhero telephone changing booth we will also create a small woodland area with a mini beast hotel, where they will be able to study and identify different mini beasts in their habitats. The children will develop their ability to share with their peers further, take turns and they will also develop their friendships whilst working in their learning environment.

Our physical education sessions this term will take place every Wednesday. Aerobic exercise will be introduced to the children to how to keep fit. This will also develop the children's balance, control and coordination as well as strengthening their core body muscles. The children will be taking part in games during the second half term, developing their ball skills and understanding different elements of games, enabling them to play co-operatively and competitively. During the second half term athletic activities will focus on improving on their throwing and running skills in readiness for Sports day. Other physical development activities will be developed through topical play both indoors and out, threading, riding bikes, building models and dens and construction such as Lego etc.

Expressive Arts

This term we will be singing and performing (using actions) a range of songs, dances and rhymes linked to our topics and Welsh culture. The children will explore a variety of medium in art e.g. paint, pastels, charcoal, collage and printing. The children will also be studying mini beasts and making different models of the mini beasts, they will consider symmetry and explore techniques to help with this. The children will continue to develop their designing, planning and evaluating skills during design technology work where they will be making a digital animation. Every day the children will have the opportunity to take part in a creative activity, whether it is drawing, painting, making, colouring or singing. The children will explore a variety of tuned and un-tuned instruments in group activities whilst composing their own music.

As always, if you have any expertise that you feel are linked to our topics and you would like to share these with the class, we would love to hear from you.

If you have any queries or concerns; please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to the new and exciting term ahead and will be providing your children with an enriching and fun curriculum.










Best Wishes

Mrs Jones and Mrs Mills

Further ways to help your child:

- Please ensure your child has their school P.E. kit from **Wednesday to Friday**.
- Please return homework folders every **Monday**, these will be returned every **Thursday**.
- Encourage your child to reinforce the skills they have been learning at school by helping them to complete their homework and reading books etc.
- Please practise regularly reading the list of Read Write Inc red words (tricky words) with your child both reading and spelling. These are hugely important and will benefit your child's reading immensely. Also, please encourage your child to read their book with expression, pointing out the punctuation.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school for our outdoor topic work and appropriate weatherproof clothing and sun cream etc, which is clearly marked with their name as they will be engaging in the outdoors every day.
- Please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name.
- Please ensure your child has a healthy snack for morning play time and a drink in a reusable bottle for throughout the day. We have a water fountain outdoors where the children can refill their bottle. As we are a healthy school, we do not allow chocolate, crisps or biscuits at morning play. Drink bottles and snack boxes should be clearly labelled. **We have children with nut allergies so please refrain from bringing food containing nuts into school.**
- Please check your child has their red bag with them every day and please check the contents daily for correspondence from school.
- If your child is away from school at any time, please inform the school as soon as possible **and provide a letter stating the reason**. If we do not receive a letter we will have to mark your child with an unauthorised absence. Holidays within term time are unauthorised absences and a holiday request form should be completed prior to the child's absence. These can be obtained from Mrs Willow's Office.

A reminder for your fridge:

Things to bring to school:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Outdoor clothing i.e. Coat, wellies, sun hat, sunglasses, sun cream.					
P.E. kit to school					
Homework folders				Homework will be returned to you.	
Healthy snack and water bottle	