

PARENT OVERVIEW - SPRING 2024

TOPIC: OUR EVER-CHANGING WORLD

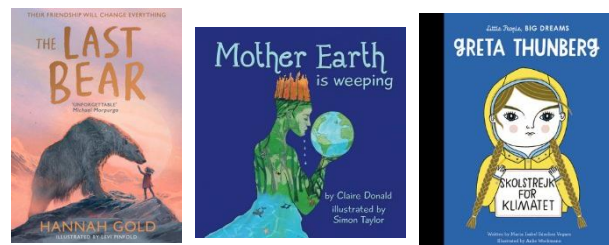
Homework – Every Friday on Google Classroom (Paper copies available upon request)



Google Classroom

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We will be undertaking work and classroom discussions based on the following texts this term;



LANGUAGE, LITERACY & COMMUNICATION

This term, pupils will have the opportunity to complete a range of oracy, reading and writing activities covering the following genres:

- Non-Chronological Report linked to habitats.
- Free verse poetry based on the work of Roger McGough.
- Use of the Voice21 framework to participate in a structured debate around choices we make and the impact it has on our local community and the wider world environmentally.

Pupils will continue to learn Welsh weekly and develop new language acquired in daily classroom games led by the Helpwr Heddiw.

Pupils will continue receiving weekly British Sign Language and Spanish sessions through external providers.

MATHS & NUMERACY

Multiplication, Division, Length & Perimeter

Throughout this term, we will be developing and consolidating skills around the following areas;

- Making links between times tables and division facts.
- Introducing and consolidating times tables from 3 – 12.
- Introducing factors and how to use factors to divide numbers.
- Multiplying numbers by 10 and 100.
- Dividing numbers by 10 and 100.
- Multiplying 2 and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.
- Using kilometres and metres to measure lengths.
- Finding the perimeter of regular and irregular polygons.

Pupils will continue to develop 3, 4 and times tables through TTRockstars and other practising methods. Pupils could challenge themselves by practising the 7 and 8 times tables in addition to weekly homework.

HUMANITIES

RVE Enquiries

This term we will be trialling a new programme to support the delivery of religious values education within our enquiry-based approaches to learning. We will look at one non-religious viewpoint and one religious viewpoint to explore in greater depth. These will be our focus for this term;

Spring 1 – Humanism – Theme: Humanist actions and the reasoning behind them (What motivates Humanists to lead good lives?)

Spring 2 – Christianity – Theme: Salvation (What is “good” about Good Friday?)

Geography

- Recognising areas of the world being worst affected by climate change.
- Make links between the ever-growing population and the impact this is having on animals and their habitats.
- Looking at ways we can reduce how much we waste and consider reducing, reusing and recycling as a way of being more sustainable.

KEY DATES/MOW DAYS

SEE DIARY OF EVENTS ON THE CURIOUS CASTLES WEB PAGE FOR FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 16.01.24 – Parent Meeting – Focus: Attendance (with pupils) 2:15 pm
- 25.01.24 – Santes Dwyrnwen Day (pupils can wear red, white and/or green)
- 02.02.24 – Wear Red for Velindre (£1 donation per family)
- 05.02.24 – Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week - My Voice Matters
- 07.02.24 – Parent & Pupil Progress Meetings
- 08.02.24 – Valentine’s Disco (pupils can wear party clothes to school)
- 09.02.24 – Beauty and The Beast Theatre Show (Y4, 5 & 6 only) – The New Theatre, Cardiff
- 12.02.24 – 16.02.24 – Half Term Week
- 19.02.24 – School Reopens for Pupils
- 29.02.24 – Diversity Open Afternoon in Classes (2:15 pm onwards)
- 01.03.24 – St David’s Day/Eisteddfod (Pupils can wear traditional Welsh dress or the colours red, white and/or green)
- 07.03.24 – World Book Day Celebrations (pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character)
- 15.03.24 – Red Nose Day
- 20.03.24 – Voice in a Million Concert



PE Day: Wednesday

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Music

- Weekly Ukulele sessions provided by Caerphilly Music Service.
- ‘Musical Forests’ unit will allow children to listen to and discuss the sounds of rainforest creatures and rain.
- Recreation of a rainstorm using body percussion.
- Compose a musical composition, inspired by the sounds of the rain-forest, entitled ‘A Day of Rain’ and perform it.

Art

- Explore the work of Rhiannon Roberts before using her style to create individual and whole-class pieces of work linked to Wales.
- Children will explore painting techniques using elements of **line, colour and texture**.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Well-Being

- Dreams & Goals
- Healthy Me
- E-Safety “Don’t Fall For Fake”

PE

- Basketball (Spring 1)
- Golf (Spring 2)
- Street Dance (Spring 1 & 2)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Pupils will continue to have the opportunity to engage in practical activities and investigations linked to;

- Living Things & Their Habitats - A World of Living Things
- Plants - Feast of Flowers, Fruits & Seeds

Pupils will also look at leaders of science and technology and how they have innovated in order to create a more sustainable world for us to live in.

Pupils will explore coding through a project focusing on Spheros by creating simple algorithms and problem solving by spotting errors within code.

