

Autumn term 2023- what we are learning in year 7

Faculty of English, literacy and communication

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be learning about our diverse world through the study of the class reader, 'Cirque Du Freak'. They will have the opportunity to explore the different types of characters within the text and ask questions linked to diversity. Learners will explore a range of different reading and writing tasks linked to the text in order to develop and progress their literacy skills.

What can you do to help?

Discuss what your child is learning at school learning and encourage independent research. Create opportunities to explore other reading texts linked to the theme of diversity.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

What will your child be learning?

During this term your child will be practising their written calculations using the four rules of number and BIDMAS to ensure calculations are done in the correct order. They will be practising multiplying decimal and negative numbers. Pupils will be collecting and presenting data accurately and in a variety of different formats for different types of data. Pupils will be looking at properties of shapes and calculating angles in on straight lines and in triangles, as well as drawing and measuring angles accurately.

What can you do to help?

You can support your child by discussing the learning completed in school and apply skills learnt in lessons to real life context. Ensure independent learning tasks that are set on Google Classroom are completed by the set deadlines. Pupils should practise their times tables and use apps to aid faster recall.

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Faculty of STEM

What will your child be learning?

This term your child will be learning through the theme of Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) practical's including chromatography, pH scale, microscopes and fingerprint analysis will be used to help the pupils solve the mystery. Pupils will link the learning that is taking place to key science and technology principles within a real world setting.

What can you do to help?

You can support your child at home by helping them to practise new skills. Independent learning tasks can be found on the Google Classroom and each task is linked the the topic. For every task completed and submitted, pupils will earn achievement points, these points will contribute to our faculty rewards scheme. Below are some useful links

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<https://classroom.google.com><https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Faculty of languages and culture

What will your child be learning?

Languages

Your child will be learning key vocabulary and phrases around the topic relaciones personales/ Fi fy hun (me, myself). They will be learning to introduce themselves and others around them, as well as discussing friends, family and their interests. Pupils will work through all skill areas, oracy, reading and writing and begin to develop their proof-reading skills, where they are able to recognise and correct basic spelling and punctuation mistakes in a text.

Expressive Arts

Your child will be considering the impact of individual and group contribution. Studying the text The Iron Man, pupils will look at the impact of industry on our planet. They will create personal responses that build performance skills and develop confidence. They will create and engage in art making techniques and processes in order to produce refined final outcomes.

What can you do to help?

Languages

You can support your child at home to repeat learnt vocabulary which will help their memory of key words, this will support them in regular vocabulary tests at various points over the term. Also encouraging your child to subscribe to a free online learning platform such as Duolingo, Memrise, Quizlet or Linguascope will support them with vocabulary recall. Pupils will also benefit from watching Welsh medium television programmes or listening to Welsh language radio to improve pronunciation and understanding of spoken Welsh.

Expressive Arts

You can support your child at home by ensuring that all work set on Google Classroom is completed by the deadline, including learning lines and rehearsing for practical performance.

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Faculty of life

What will your child be learning?

Humanities

This term your child will be learning about how each individual's contribution will effect the planet. From this they will be looking at the impact of litter, natural disasters and climate change to see how these are having a detrimental impact on the planet, now and in years to come. Learners will then summarise their topic by creating a project to raise awareness of an issue that, if changed, would contribute to the world being a better place.

RVE

Pupils will be exploring worship and rituals in Christianity and Hinduism. They will be engaging with fundamental questions regarding why worship is important and debating whether worship and rituals can strengthen beliefs. We will be exploring how people can express their beliefs and feelings, and debating whether a religious building is necessary in order to worship. Over the year we will consider the similarities and differences of worship between the two religions, and evaluate religious viewpoints regarding the importance of worship.

Well-being

During this term your child will develop skills, knowledge and experiences of health and fitness. Your child will learn about various topics on health and fitness and how it contributes to their overall wellbeing and how they can create a healthy active lifestyle. Further, during this term, your child will explore individual sports including gymnastics, dance and trampoline to use their creativity to produce a sequence, a dance or a routine that will incorporate clarity of shape and fluency through transitions.

How can you help?

Humanities

Have discussions around how lives have changed over the past 20 years, what do we do now, which we did not do then? How has this had an impact on us, and also the planet. You can support your child with the homework tasks they are given to support their learning.

RVE

Discuss with your child what they have been learning, and discuss how we show worship and ritual in a religious and non religious way everyday. .

Well-being

You can support your child by helping them make sure they are organised by ensuring they have their kit on PE days so that they are fully engaged in all lessons and encourage them to lead an healthy active lifestyle.