

Faculty of English, literacy and communication

What will your child be learning?

Through the novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, your child will be looking at the context of the Holocaust and how it is presented by the author, John Boyne. They will also explore how language is used to present emotions and misconceptions in different ways. Then the pupils will use this information to improve their written and verbal communication, exploring their ideas and opinions on the topics covered by other writers. They will explore the subtleties of their own language use and the possible interpretations that these can cause.

What can you do to help at home?

Discussion of in school learning possibly using characters in television programmes and/or films. Continue to encourage pupils to read widely at home both fiction and non-fiction texts. Discuss the novel that is covered over the term and encourage pupils to create their own opinions considering appropriate ways of expressing these opinions. Avoid watching the film until they have completed reading the book.

Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

What will your child be learning?

- Calculating and forming equations and formula.
- Using number facts and relationships.
- Deriving and using formulas for area and volume of shapes.
- Completing and forming sequences.
- Estimating and checking calculations.
- Management of money.

What can you do to help at home?

Discussion around the learning completed in school and look for examples of sequences and estimation in real life. Practise personal management of money and budget setting.

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What will your child be learning?

Your child will be learning about our cynefin, the community around us and communities that we are part of. Pupils will be reflecting on their role and responsibilities and how diverse our communities are. Your child will be exploring how our 'lens' are formed and factors that influence our worldview.

Your child will be investigating and exploring ways to create expressive arts pieces inspired by what makes them who they are, they will be inspired by their local landscapes, developing a range of art skills. They will be exploring new ways of making music and developing and responding to texts in drama that inspire them to think about their own "cynefin".

What can you do to help at home?

You can help at home by supporting your child in completing their independent learning tasks, and exploring examples of diversity with the community and the world. It would be useful to have discussions about the responsibilities that we have at school, home and wider communities.

This topic will include assessed performances, you can support with this at home by encouraging your child to rehearse and prepare for their performance. Final drama performances can be recorded at home and uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Faculty of life: wellbeing

What will your child be learning?

During this scheme of learning your child will further develop skills, knowledge and experiences of invasion games such as football, netball, rugby and hockey.

They will have opportunities to explore various roles of performing, coaching, and officiating. Whilst performing your child will develop the necessary skills and techniques of each sport.

Pupils will learn how to solve problems, make the correct decisions and become an effective team player.

What can you do to help at home?

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.

Faculty of language and culture: Languages

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be learning key vocabulary and phrases around the topic of the future plans. They will be learning key vocabulary around future job plans and aspirations for the future. Pupils will use a range of link words, idioms and adjectives to extend their sentences to explain subjects they like and dislike as well as general school life. Pupils will learn a range of vocabulary and tenses to support their language development. Pupils develop their language skills through reading, writing, speaking and listening through a fun and exciting approach to develop a love of language learning.

What can you do to help at home?

Allowing your child to repeat learnt vocabulary 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 or Quizlet for both Spanish and Welsh will support your child with their recall of key vocabulary.

Faculty of science and technology

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be learning about different food science concepts such as: fermentation and bread making. Pupils will investigate the conditions needed for fermentation to take place.

In science, pupils will be applying their knowledge of the periodic table to form an understanding of elements and compounds. A range of practical activities will be used to reinforce their learning, for example, changing states of matter, diffusion, metals with water, metals with acids and the thermite demonstration.

What can you do to help at home?

Discuss in-school learning. Try making a yeast based bread at home with your child.

Below are links to some fun online quizzes, games, activities and video clips that pupils can play, to enhance their learning at home:

<https://youtu.be/m55kgyApYrY>

<https://youtu.be/t5srg32crLY>

<https://youtu.be/1N50IjDB5Sk>