

## 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 at home?

Encourage discussions around in school learning and encouraging independent research. Create opportunities to explore other reading texts linked to the theme of diversity.

## 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 made 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 at home?

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 given and set on Google Classroom are completed by the set deadlines. Practise their times tables and use apps to aid faster recall.

## Caru dysgu curriculum

### What will your child be learning?

Your child will be considering the theme of Cynefin. Studying a range of texts that look at the landscape of Wales and the influence of industrialisation. 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.

Pupils will be developing their humanities skills looking at the local area and what the term 'cynefin' means to us and how this differs between individuals.

### What can you do to help at home?

Discussions around how lives have changed over the past 20 years, what do we do now, which we did not do in the past? How has our area changed? What does the word 'cynefin mean? What makes our 'cynefin'?

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.

## Faculty of life

### Well-being:

#### What will your child be learning?

During term one, your child will focus on basic techniques and strategies used in dance, gymnastics and trampolining. Your child will explore different skills used in these activities by using their creativity to produce a sequence, dance or a routine that will incorporate clarity of shape and fluency through transitions. In the classroom, your child will learn about friendship and bullying with the aim of preventing isolation and loneliness. We will also look at ways to report any incidents of bullying by following the school policy.

#### What can you do to help at home?

Discuss the benefits of regular physical activity and explain how this reduces the risk of illness both in the short and long term and how it is linked to positive mental health outcomes. You could also explore the type of physical activity that your child enjoys most and help them to incorporate that into their weekly routines. Talk to them about why it is important for us to be active and how this helps us to stay healthy in later life. Please encourage your child to bring and wear the correct PE kit to their physical well-being lessons.

## Faculty of language and culture

### Languages:

#### What will your child be learning?

Your child will be learning key vocabulary and phrases around the topic 'arwyr ac enwogion' (heroes and famous people) in Welsh. They will be learning to introduce themselves and others around them, as well as discussing friends, family and famous Welsh people with a focus on the third person and descriptions.

Your child will be learning key vocabulary and phrases around the topic self and relationships in Spanish. They will be learning to introduce themselves and others around them, as well as discussing friends, family and their interests.

In both languages, 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.

#### What can you do to help at home?

You can support your child at home by encouraging them 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. You can also encourage your child to subscribe to a free online learning platform such as Duolingo and Linguascope.

Pupils will also benefit from watching Welsh medium television programmes or listening to Welsh language radio to improve pronunciation and understanding of spoken Welsh.

## Faculty of science and technology

### What will your child be learning?

This term your child will be learning through the theme of Crime Scene Investigation - CSI. Practicals 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 at home?

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 to 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:

<https://classroom.google.com>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>