

## Faculty of English, literacy and communication

### What will your child be learning?

During term two, pupils will be doing an exciting project based on the theme of advertising. Pupils will learn how advertisers use persuasive language and techniques to help sell products and experiences to customers. These techniques will be analysed in a series of reading responses that include advertisements from attractions such as Alton Towers. Next, these skills will be put into practice as the pupils use group work skills to design a chocolate bar and use persuasive writing to help promote the product to their classmates. This activity blends oracy skills, persuasive writing activities and reading responses. Further, your child will explore conflict poetry, analysing some of the great British poets that emerged from the horrors of the First World War. Pupils will respond to classic WW1 poems while debating the moral questions that surround conflict poetry more generally.

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

For advertising, you could support your child by watching advertisements at home and analysing how the advert attempts to persuade the viewer / reader to buy into what is being sold. In regards to conflict poetry, there are great resources available on BBC Bitesize and Youtube that analyse some of the more famous examples of WW1 poetry, for example, poems written by Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.

## Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

### What will your child be learning?

During this term, your child will be developing their understanding of fractions and percentages while enhancing their skills when adding and subtracting fractions. Work will be completed on calculating percentages, using both calculator and non-calculator methods. Pupils will be introduced to probability, listing outcomes and finding expected outcomes. Pupils will be introduced to algebra and becoming familiar with the notation and collecting like terms.

### 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.

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### What will your child be learning?

During term two in humanities, your child will be exploring the differences between man-made and natural disasters. They will be investigating a range of events and considering what happened, why it happened and the recovery from the disaster. We will also be learning about digital disasters, and identifying ways to keep our information safe. Your child will develop their report writing skills, reviewing examples and then practising the techniques learnt across the term.

In expressive arts, your child will be exploring the way change has an impact on our lives. They will be reacting to a range of stimulus to create personal responses to big changes. They will be discovering ways to use the arts as a voice and the impact we can have on the changes we want to see.

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

You can help at home by supporting your child with the independent learning tasks and by researching events that have changed the world around us. Pupils have been encouraged to interview family members, and also engage in listening or watching newsround or news articles about events that are happening in our community and worldwide, and reflect in the impact these are having.

Encourage 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: wellbeing

### What will your child be learning?

During term two, your child will be focusing on basic techniques and strategies used in team sports such as netball, hockey, rugby, football, tennis, rounders, cricket, Swedish longball, basketball, dodgeball and lacrosse. Your child will explore different ways to value each teammate's ability and understand how each person contributes to the overall goal. Team sports will help your child to develop cooperation with others, working together as a team and finding ways to win through managing the strengths and weaknesses of other players. This will help your child to develop into a supportive, understanding, patient and kind person. In the classroom, your child will be learning about friendship and bullying, in order to prevent isolation and loneliness and also look at ways to report any incidents of bullying by following the school policy.

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

Please ensure that your child brings and wears the correct PE kit to these lessons. You could also 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.

## Faculty of language and culture: Languages

### What will your child be learning?

In both Welsh and Spanish your child will be learning key vocabulary and phrases around the topic 'ysgol' or 'colegio' (school). They will be learning to introduce and give opinions on school subjects, uniform, school rules and the school environment.

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 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 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 Mission to Mars. Practicals including designing, building and launching a rocket, researching, designing and making a space suit along with learning about our solar system will be used to help the pupils become apprentice astronauts. 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>