

Faculty of English, literacy and communication

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will explore the overarching theme of 'crime and punishment'. In English we will develop reading, writing and oracy skills through the exploration of this theme. Pupils will read and analyse a range of texts, including the play 'A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime', that deal with issues such as culpability, guilt and innocence. Pupils will take part in a range of paired and group discussions around the topic in order to develop oracy and reasoning. Pupils will have a range of writing opportunities that allow them to develop writing for a range of purposes, using the rich content of this scheme of learning as a starting point.

What can you do to help at home?

Have discussions at home to explore key words such as motive, innocence, justice. Discuss the learning that has taken place in school and practise giving opinions and supporting these opinions using evidence (In my opinion because...) Ensure independent learning tasks are completed on the Google Classroom on a regular basis.

Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

What will your child be learning?

During this term, your child will be comparing and ordering fractions, decimals and percentages and developing their skills when multiplying and dividing fractions. Work will be completed on calculating percentages, including percentage increase and decrease, using both calculator and non-calculator methods. They will be practising using their rounding techniques to different amount of decimals places and significant figures, as well as using this to estimate values.

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. Encourage them to practise their times tables and use apps/games/competitions with yourself for fun to aid faster recall.

Caru dysgu curriculum

What will your child be learning?

Yn caru dysgu this term, we will be exploring our needs and rights. They will be investigating and comparing LEDCs and MEDCs, and considering the needs we should all be able to access and the laws that protect these. Your child will develop their understanding of the roles of people who can help us fight injustice, and have the opportunity to participate in a range of ethical debates.

Your child will be exploring the theme 'together', through art, music and drama. We will be investigating what happens when we work together as a team and how we all benefit from a team effort. Pupils will develop their art making and performance skills, research and analyse artists and refine new techniques.

What can you do to help at home?

Please encourage your child to complete their independent learning tasks, as these provide the opportunity to develop and practise humanities skills, alongside extending their knowledge of topics linked to our theme. Pupils will also benefit from watching or reading the news, for example watching Newsround or accessing The Day.

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: wellbeing

What will your child be learning?

During term two, your child will be focusing on building a greater consistency in skills and techniques 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 focus on 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 learn about drugs and alcohol and the short term and long term effects it can have on someone's physical and psychological health.

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 'hobïau' or 'pasatiempos' (hobbies). They will be learning to introduce and give opinions on a range of hobbies, giving opinion on different hobbies, using the 3rd person as well as using the past tense to describe what they did on the weekend.

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?

In science pupils will explore the periodic table of elements and link their learning from year 7 to GCSE concepts such as electrolysis and the extraction of metals and their uses. They will carry out a range of practicals including filtration, chromatography and the pH scale. In their DT lessons they will be developing skills in textiles. They will have the opportunity to use the sewing machines and produce either a pencil case or bean bag for their room. They will evaluate their work and outcome design improvements. In ICT pupils will develop and use a range of technical skills to develop a digital product. They will research different digital products and use this to develop their own.

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 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:

<https://classroom.google.com>

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

<https://stemlearning.wistia.com/medias/nko2ux2p4i>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpwmxnb/revision/1>

<https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/photosynthesis-game>