

## Faculty of English, literacy and communication

### What will your child be learning?

Pupils will explore the overarching theme of 'Identity and Diversity'. 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 difference, diversity and acceptance. Pupils will look at texts exploring what makes them who they are. 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 heritage, diversity, identity, acceptance and tolerance. 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 continuing to practise their written calculations using the four rules of number and BIDMAS to ensure calculations are made in the correct order. They will be practising adding and subtracting negative numbers and dividing decimal numbers. Pupils will be collecting and presenting data accurately and in a variety of different formats including pie charts and scatter graphs. In geometry, pupils will be looking at properties of shapes, calculating angles around points and on parallel lines as well as drawing plans and elevations.

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

You can support your child by discussing the learning completed in school and applying 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 your child 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?

Pupils will learn about crime and punishment and changes to crime and punishment through time. They will explore the impact of crime and how the criminal justice system works. They will explore similarities and differences across time periods and develop their source inference skills. Pupils will learn about the impact of slavery and how attitudes to this topic and laws have changed over the years.

Your child will be exploring the theme of crime and punishment, studying the texts Jekyll and Hyde. We will discuss the idea of personal responsibility and identity. In art-based lessons we will develop portrait drawing skills and consider who we see in the mirror. Pupils will continue to develop performance skills as they create responses to the text and techniques learnt.

In music-based lessons, pupils will explore the theme of crime and punishment through **heroes and villains**. Pupils will examine how Musicians use **tempo, dynamics, and timbre** to bring characters and stories to life, and how music can represent good and evil. Pupils will then use this understanding to create their own original compositions, showcasing contrasts between heroic and villainous characters. This unit will also develop their performance, listening, and compositional skills, helping them express story and emotion through music.

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

You can support your child by discussing crime and punishment laws in this country and comparing them to other countries. You could explore how our laws and punishments have changed over the years. Further, you could support your child to complete their independent learning tasks that are set on Google Classroom.

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 building a greater consistency in skills and techniques 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 the short term and long-term effects that drugs and alcohol can have on someone's physical and psychological health.

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

You could discuss the benefits of regular physical activity with your child 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. Please ensure that your child brings and wears the correct PE kit to their physical well-being lessons.

## Faculty of language and culture

### Welsh:

#### What will your child be learning?

Your child will be learning key vocabulary and phrases around the topic 'teulu a ffrindiau'. They will be learning to introduce their family and friends, using the 3rd person to describe family members, their jobs and aspirations and what they do with their family and friends in their spare time.

Pupils will work through all skill areas, oracy, reading and writing and continue to develop their proofreading skills, where they are able to recognise and correct spelling, punctuation and basic grammatical mistakes in a text.

### Spanish:

#### What will your child be learning?

In Spanish, pupils will be learning about school- what subjects they study, what facilities are in school, and plans for what they'll study in the future. They will be using topic specific vocabulary to write, read and speak in multiple tenses.

#### 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?

In science your child will be learning about the role of plants as producers in the food chain and how plants make their own food from the sun. Moving onto exploring pollination and fertilisation in plants linked to variation and genetics. In DT pupils will be developing their product design skills, working in wood to design and product a speaker for their phones. In their ICT lessons they will be developing their programming skills and learning to understand the development of gaming technology.

#### 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>

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

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

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