

YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWS

AUTUMN 2021



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome to Class 5. I really hope that you had a restful Summer break . It is so lovely to see the children return, safe and well.

This term it will be so reassuring to return to more 'normal' routines, whilst we will be ensuring that children are happy, healthy and safe in school.

This term, Year 5 will be developing their skills and knowledge through a topic based around the theme of 'Treemendous Trees'. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful setting and grounds surrounding our school and this will be an opportunity for children to develop more knowledge about this vital resource.

As you may be aware, we are now using the new Curriculum for Wales and therefore some of the subject headings have changed slightly. In the table below, I have outlined some of the activities we are planning. Some activities however, will be 'child led' as the children decide for themselves what they would like to discover about this topic through their own independent research.

P.E. will be taught by Mr Stokes on ***Tuesday afternoons***. Could you please provide your child with PE kit suitable for indoor and outdoor activities. ****Kit should be worn to school on the designated P.E Day (Tuesday), worn home and then washed ready for next week.****

****Please provide your child with a labelled water bottle. Water bottles should be taken home at the end of each day, washed and then returned the following day. ****

As ever, our weather is unpredictable, so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for both warm ,cold and wet conditions.

Homework will be set on a *Friday* and needs to be completed by the following *Wednesday*. Please help your child by checking their work to ensure that it is neatly presented and any comments on any support they needed would be appreciated. Most tasks will be set on Google Classrooms. This limits books being transferred from school to home. Please support your child by encouraging him/her to read every day and continue to practise their times tables – such essential skills!

If you have any concerns or queries during the term, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Price

Area of Learning	Activities
Language, literacy and communication skills	<p>Creative writing - life through the 'eyes' of a tree</p> <p>Biography- Kate sessions- the Tree lady</p> <p>The Great Kapok Tree</p> <p>Whose afraid of the Bwgan Wood ?</p> <p>'Poetree' - haiku, senses poetry</p> <p>Factfiles- independent research</p> <p>Debates - Rainforest/ Forestry etc</p>
Mathematics and Numeracy	<p>Place value, multiplication , division, times tables .</p> <p>Symmetry, shape, coordinates and measure will be linked to topic.</p>
Humanities	<p>Learning about the Carbon cycle and calculating our carbon footprints.</p> <p>Deforestation</p> <p>The geography of rainforests- comparison to British forests .</p> <p>History through the eyes of a tree.</p> <p>Establishing a particular tree's age and then looking back at what history the tree may have witnessed.</p>
Science and technology	<p>Carbon cycle</p> <p>Tree identification - dichotomous keys and databases</p> <p>Making clinometers to establish height of a tree.</p> <p>Comparing water uptake of different trees</p> <p>Habitat surveys</p>
Health and Wellbeing	<p>Mapping trees</p> <p>Mindfulness exercises- listening/ watching</p> <p>Creating a ' Wishing Tree'</p> <p>Comparing tree health with our health</p>
Expressive Arts	<p>Music - recreating natural music/ music of the forest</p> <p>Studying the work of Kandinsky and Gustav Klimt- their use of colour , shape and some symmetry</p> <p>Tree skeletons</p>

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