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Penclawdd Primary School : Summer Term 2026



Croeso Noll!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break - we are SO excited for Summer Term and cannot wait to share new experiences, delve deep into the learning and challenge your little ones.

As always our door is always open - please do not hesitate to get in touch via seesaw if you need anything - working alongside you all has been wonderful and I look forward to our Summer term together! Mrs D x

Topic Overview

Our topic for this term is 'Land A'hoy!' and you guessed it we are going to explore our locality - we will be looking at our Gower beaches, our very own Estuary and of course what lives in a rock pool. I wonder too if the children might want to search for some treasure, look at the history behind smugglers and continue our fascination of animals and look deeper into those feather variety that live by the ocean! The children will build comparisons between the beaches and the estuary - what do they notice and what do they wonder.



Questions to Engage

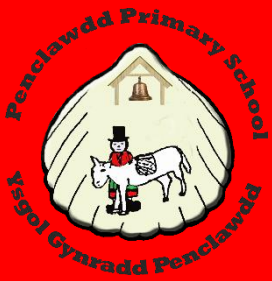


- Which animals live on the seashore?
- What animals live in the rockpools?
- What is seaweed?
- How are rock pools made?
- What birds are at the beach?
- What sharks live in our ocean?
- What are smugglers?
- Who gathers the cockles? Are there cockles at the beach?



Engage/ visitors

We have had a wonderful online lesson with the screen print maker Sarah Hopkins who helped us with our designs for our art which will be based on our topic - we will be showcasing these in our Art Exhibition on 29th April. We are also planning a trip to Port Eynon Beach as part of our engage - we will begin our research on the smugglers and the animals that live in rock pools. I have no doubt we might have a 'Mr Whippy' too!



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Literacy

The children have literacy lessons on a daily basis throughout the week. One of these sessions focuses on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. We also have daily phonics and handwriting sessions - these sessions are full of active and engaging activities to help build confidence and strengthen your little ones hands in readiness for all the 'posh work!'

This half term we will be using the short film, 'Piper', to fire the imagination of our learners - it really is a wonderful way for the children to build literacy skills in an exciting, engaging way. The film has no spoken dialogue, the children will say what they see, describe the characters' feelings, and predict what might happen next. We will also use the film to help develop understanding of how film makers use colour, sound, setting and stories to develop the plot. They also have opportunities to create their own captions, speech bubbles or short stories inspired by the film, helping them develop vocabulary, sequencing and early writing skills. Most importantly, Piper is visually charming and full of humour and the boys and girls have already fallen in love with her!

Later in the summer term we will be working on instruction text - using 'bossy' words and time connectives to help the children understand this key element of literacy. The children will help me to decide what we should instruct - so watch this space!

Welsh and French

We learn Welsh daily during 'Slot Drilio' sessions. These are quick, fun activities that reinforce vocabulary and sentence patterns. We also have separate Welsh lessons to extend our knowledge of the Welsh language through new sentence patterns, vocabulary, reading and writing.

Our focus in French is nursery rhymes. Building on all the learning the children have completed this year, they will sing a range of nursery rhymes linked to colours, days of the week, and greetings, helping to develop their confidence, pronunciation, and enjoyment of the language.



Our April Right of the Month is
Article 29 : The right to food, water and medical care.





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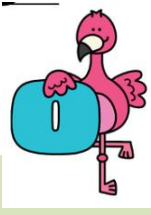


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Numeracy

We love maths and numeracy! We really have worked so hard in this area and built up a medley of skills. We have begun our summer term with exploring capacity and this is a real love of the children - using play based activities to help develop vocabulary and clear understanding has been wonderful to watch.

We will also be looking at division, fractions and time - I have a feeling a little cooking and tasting might find its way into this module! Something that you could do at home too. We will also be looking at map work and directions later in the term. Of course we count daily, subitise daily and explore our numbers - mental recall and mental maths is at the heart of what we do.



Science & Technology

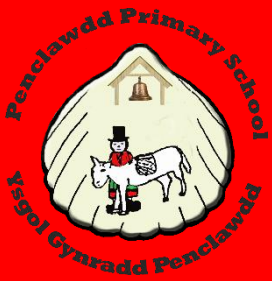
Our Science topic for this term will be a firm favourite of the children's as it will include a bug hunt!! We will carry out some observations to see what bugs live in the upstairs woodland and how this compares to those that live in the downstairs woodland. We will extend this also by looking to see what is a bugs favourite colour! This is a way to develop the understanding of living creatures and how we need them to keep our planet healthy. We of course will be exploring the rock pools and hope to find out what a healthy habitat of a rock pool creature is. I know the boys and girls will LOVE this!

Digital Skills (DCF Focus)

Throughout the year, we continue to develop our computer skills through focused computer lessons and applying skills across the curriculum. This term, we will focus on producing - the children will begin by making posters and ensuring they have a title. We will then move forth in making digital posters and using images online to make them vibrant. We will be using simple apps like 'PicCollage' to help us create these. Children will also be using a 'key word search' to help extract specific information.

We're always promoting online safety and ensuring that the children know how to keep themselves safe when using devices.





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Humanities

This term we will be using our film 'Piper' to help us develop our understanding of the landscape around us - we will talk about how Piper lives at the beach and discuss the similarities of our local beaches to the beach where little Piper lives. We will also be exploring the rich history of the cockle industry in Penclawdd - during local history month we hope to visit the estuary wall and build up some observations - we might even try and spy a cockle picker!

For our Yr 1's they will be building on prior knowledge in this area and a focus that throughout their learning at Penclawdd we will continue to embed this rich historical part of our community. The children will discover how cockle picking became such an important part of local life, learning about the people, tools and stories connected to the estuary.

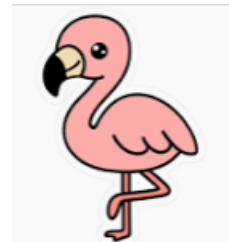
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During our learning, children will explore some big questions about Muslim people and their beliefs in an age-appropriate and thoughtful way. They will learn who Muslims are and what they believe, including who God is to Muslims. Together, the children will talk about what peace means and why Muslims often greet each other with words of peace. We will think about why being peaceful and kind is important and what Muslims can teach us about showing kindness to others every day.

Children will also explore symbols that are important in Islam, such as the moon and star, and learn why people use symbols to help them remember important ideas.

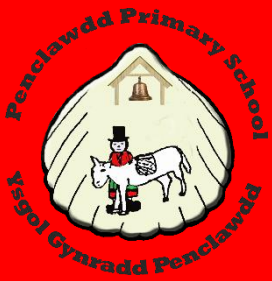
Finally, children will find out about a special celebration called Milad un Nabi, which marks the birth of Prophet Muhammad and is an important time for many Muslims.

Overall, this learning helps children to understand different beliefs, ask thoughtful questions, and grow in respect, kindness, and understanding towards others..



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Kindness





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Expressive Arts

In Expressive Arts we will be working hard on our focus of printing following the lead from our expert Sarah Hopkins. We will build up skills of colour mixing, tone and texture - using different materials to create on. Our film 'Piper' will once again engage and enable the children to use different sounds and emulate the sounds that they hear in the film to replicate drama and feelings - we will look at tempo, volume and percussion. The film will also allow us to develop our film skills and we will look to do this with recording interviews, making posters about both our art exhibition and encouraging families to visit Penclawdd. I have no doubt we will also be learning a sea shanty and dropping in some dance moves like Penclawdd Pirates! Watch this space!

Health & Wellbeing

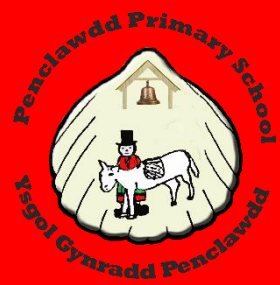
This term, we will continue to focus on the well-being of ourselves and others. We'll look at the qualities of both ourselves and our friends. We will be working on our programme 'Think Equal' and through a story we will be developing citizenship skills of kindness, thoughtfulness and caring for ourselves, others and the world around us.

In our PE sessions, we have been lucky to secure some balance bike training sessions - these sessions are like 'little cycle proficiency'. The children will build a medley of skills so that they can proficiently ride a bike. In addition to this we will be in full training camp for our Sports Day and we will also be working on our endurance with a little bit of London Marathon training with myself! Later in the term we will focus on our gymnastic skills and be using the gym apparatus - a firm favourite in our PE calendar!

Building a healthy growth mindset of resilience, perseverance and co-operation will also be at the heart of what we do.



The fruit trolley is fully stocked and ready for customers — **30p per day.**
Healthy School Reminder 💧
As part of our commitment to being a healthy school, we kindly ask that children **only bring water** to drink during the school day. This helps promote good habits, supports concentration, and encourages healthy choices



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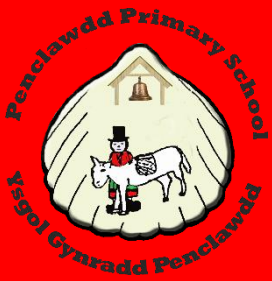
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Reminders

Day	Activity	Information
Monday	PE	Please ensure children have a change of kit (shorts, t-shirt) and appropriate footwear for PE. We always encourage children to change before and after a PE lesson but they will always be able to do PE, even if they forget to bring their kit, providing they have suitable, safe footwear.
Monday	Library	Children have the chance to visit our School Library to select a reading book - this book will remain in school for the children to enjoy after PE to rest and relax.
Wednesday	Outdoor learning	Please ensure the children have wellies/ change of shoes and a waterproof coat for this day. However due to the way we play and learn please ensure waterproofs and wellies are left in school for each day.
Friday	PPA	Mr Culpin Teaching class
	Spellings (PM)	Miss Smith will be leading spellings on a Friday pm.

Diary Dates

April	22.04.26 Earth Day 22.4.26 Reception Children Hearing Test 29.04.26 Art Exhibition 3.30-6pm ALL welcome
May	Local History Month 6.05.26 Gardening Day - Would love some donations (more info to follow) 7.05.26 Beach Trip - see separate letter 11.05.26 World Mental Health Week 25.05.26-29.05.26 Half Term
June	Pride Month 5.06.26 Sports Day (10.30am R-Yr 2) 24.06.26 Summer Fayre 25.06.26 RSE Day 27.06.26 Llanmorlais Carnival
July	



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HOME LEARNING

Literacy, Maths, Topic and Reading Spine- please find on our online class page

[Penclawdd Primary School - Home Learning](#)

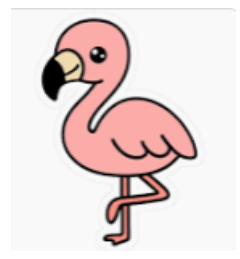
How can you support at home

Spelling	Children do regular spelling activities throughout the week and are tested on their words each Friday. Please support your child by practising these words with them regularly. You can do this in a fun way with a letter hunt, in sand/salt and on Hwb with spell blast.
Reading Books	We always encourage reading at home as much as possible. Children will take part in guided reading sessions, reading based work in their literacy as well as being listened to read during the school week. Take a look at our termly reading spine for some wonderful books to read with your child. https://www.penclawddprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=189&type=pdf
One Minute Maths	White Rose Maths has a wonderful 'One Minute Maths' app - I would really encourage this and challenge your little one each day - they love it!

SeeSaw
Weekly updates—including important information, photographs, and highlights of classroom activities—will be shared via Seesaw. Please note that during teaching hours, I may not be able to respond to messages immediately. If your message is urgent, kindly contact the school office directly.



Be On Time!
Please ensure your child arrives promptly for school each day. Lessons begin at 8:50am, and a calm, punctual start helps children settle quickly and get the most from their learning.



Attendance
Please report your child's absence via this form - [click here](#)