

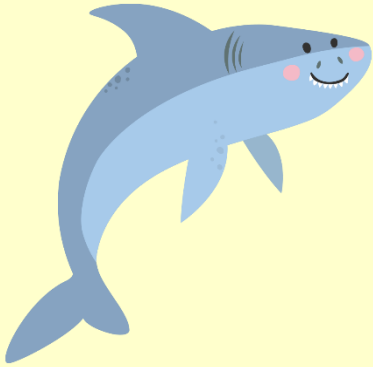


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Welcome back, Year 3!



We hope that you all had a brilliant Summer. It's been wonderful to have the children back in school, getting to know them even better and hearing about their holiday adventures. During our first week back, we focused on settling into the class and reminding ourselves of expectations and responsibilities. We've created some classroom guidelines to help keep us all safe, happy and ready to learn. We've also worked hard to develop a Growth Mindset and to understand that learning is all about trying our best, even if at first we don't succeed. Both myself and Mrs. Pontin are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Topic Overview

Our first topic of the year is On Our Doorstep. The main focus will be our local environment and how we look after it, with a particular emphasis on rivers and the estuary. Work will focus mainly on geographical skills but we will also incorporate skills from different areas from the curriculum. Later in the year, our topics will be Wild Wales and World Wonders and Celtic Cymru: Warriors, Legends and Life. I will provide more information on these at a later date.



Our Big Questions:

- . What is actually on our doorstep?
- . What makes the estuary so special?
- . How do people use the estuary?
- . How does wildlife use the estuary?
- . Where does the estuary begin?
- . Are there signs of pollution in the estuary?

Engage

We will kick start our topic with a trip to Llanelli Wetlands Centre. There, we will learn about plastic pollution and the impact on the environment. We will also find out about animals in our local area and what we can do to look after them.





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Literacy

Over the course of the year, we'll cover a wide range of books and texts during our literacy sessions. We generally have literacy lessons on a daily basis throughout the week. One of these sessions focuses on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. This half term, we will study a book called 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. This is a beautiful picture book that explores the remarkable journey of the water cycle. We will be doing lots of character study, describing settings and using inference skills to find hidden meanings in the story.

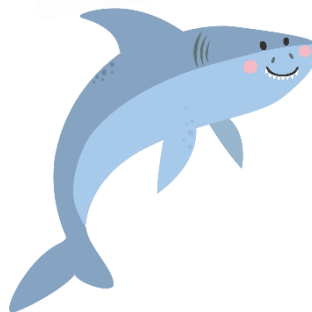
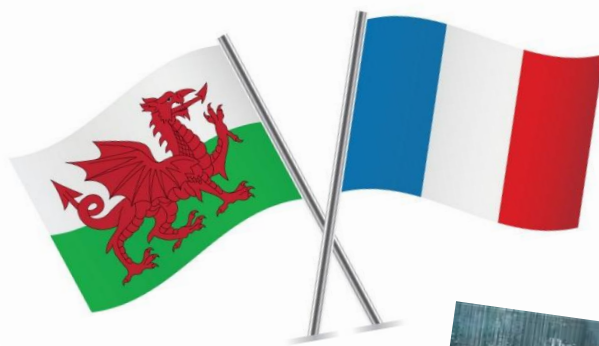
Following this, the children will focus on story writing. We will look at the structure of a story, how to develop characters and use powerful adjectives to describe settings.



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. This term, we'll focus on giving basic information about ourselves as well as developing our understanding of the past tense. Alongside Welsh, we will also be learning French. We will start with greetings and learning numbers.



Our September Right of the Month is:

Article 28 : The Right To Education





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Numeracy

Like Literacy, the children usually receive Numeracy lessons on a daily basis. On a Friday, we will normally do outdoor maths lessons to embed skills learnt during the week. This term, we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. All of the teaching will build on the children's previous learning. They will start to learn more advanced methods of calculation so that they can begin to add, subtract, multiply and divide larger numbers.

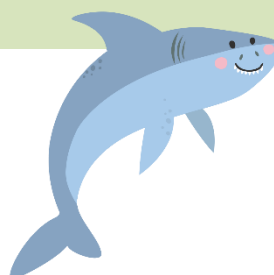
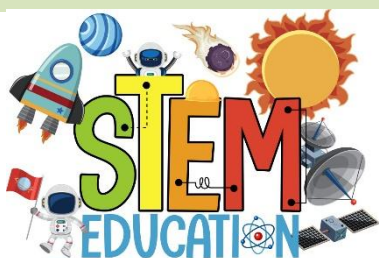
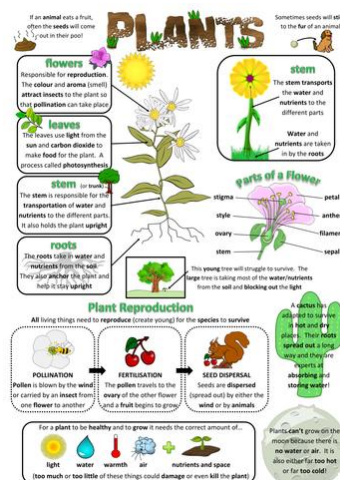
Science & Technology

Our Science topic for this term is Plants. We will learn about the parts of a plant, seed dispersal, life cycles and water transport in plants.

Digital Skills (DCF Focus)

Throughout the year, we continue to develop our computer skills through focused computer lessons and applying skills across the curriculum. We will firstly learn to store any digital work correctly so that we are able to keep our files organised and locate our work when we need to find it. We'll also learn how to use search engines safely so that we can carry out research linked to our topic work. We'll learn how to send and reply to emails and attach documents to share our work.

We're always promoting online safety and ensuring that the children know how to keep themselves safe when using devices. We also ensure that they know who they can talk to if they are ever worried about something online.



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Humanities

In this exciting topic, we will explore the world right on our doorstep. We will learn about our local area, investigate different types of houses, and discover the animals and wildlife that live nearby. We will also learn how to care for the environment and protect local habitats. In geography, we will study rivers and follow their journey from source to mouth, learning about key features along the way. Through practical activities and local investigations, we will develop a greater understanding of the area we live in and the natural world around us.

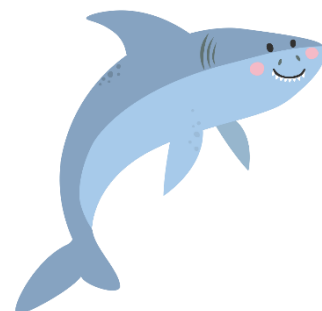


RVE

Each year, the children learn about different religious and non religious cultures from around the world. This term, we will be learning Humanism -- A non-religious Worldview

We will ask:

- . What is a humanist? . What is important to them?
- . What do humanists value?
- . What can we learn from humanism?



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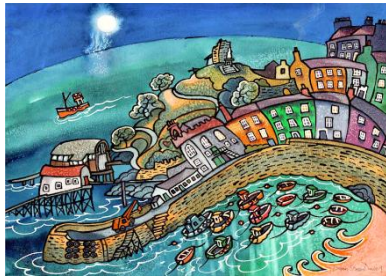
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Expressive Arts

This term, we'll be developing our drawing, painting, dance, poetry and drama skills. We will study work by Welsh and international artists and use it to influence our own creativity. We will learn the basics of dance choreography and how to create a shared routine. Our work will be inspired by the sound of the rain and running water.



Health & Wellbeing

This term, we will focus on understanding differences, kindness and empathy. We'll be learning about a variety of different cultures and understanding differences and similarities with each other. We'll also be taking part in World Mental Health Day, Odd Sock Day and Anti Bullying Week.

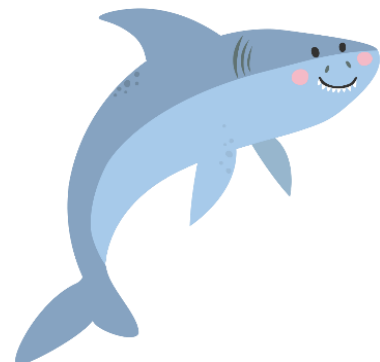
In our PE sessions, we'll focus on developing the basic skills of throwing, catching and movement. Once these skills have been developed, we'll be able to apply them to a variety of different team games. We'll also focus on developing core skills such as balance, agility, jumping and running.



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





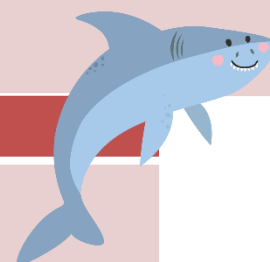
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Reminders

Day	Activity	Information
Wednesday and Thursday	PE	Please ensure children have a change of kit (shorts, t-shirt) and appropriate footwear for PE. If the weather is good, we will try to get outside as much as possible. 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.
Wednesday	PPA	I have my PPA and ALNCo time on a Wednesday. During this time, the children will be taught by Miss. Evans.
Thursday	Outdoor learning	Please ensure the children have wellies/ change of shoes and a waterproof coat for this day.
Friday	Library	Children have the chance to visit our School Library to select a reading book.



Diary Dates

September	15/9/2026- International Day of Democracy 16/9/2026- National Fitness Day 28/9/2026- Trip to Llanelli Wetlands
October	Black History Month 9/10/2026- World Mental Health Day 15/10/2026- Shwmae Day 21/10/2026- Harvest Service- Tabernacle
November	10/11/2026- World Science Day 11/11/2026- Remembrance Day 13/11/2026- BBC Children in Need 16/11/2026- Anti-bullying Week, Odd Sock Day 20/11/2026- Universal Children's Day 30/11/26 - Sherman Theatre - Year 3-6 - The Merry Adventures of Maid Marian
December	10/12/26 Elf Day and Christmas Dinner Day to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day



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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 have now been sent their block of spelling words to learn. These words are based on assessments done in school last summer. The 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. [Click here for our spelling resources.](#)

Reading Books

Reading books have been sent home. 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.

Times Tables & One Minute Maths

Learning times tables helps children with so many different aspects of maths. Your child has access to fun games such as TT Blast via their Hwb account.

SeeSaw

If you have not yet received your Seesaw code, please contact us as soon as possible. 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.

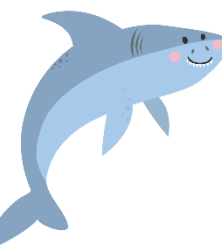
Warm Autumn Treat! 🍲

After half term, we'll be serving homemade vegetable soup—a cosy and healthy option for chilly days! Available to buy at school, it's a delicious way to warm up and enjoy fresh, seasonal ingredients.



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](#)