Expressive Arts

This term the children will learn more about the elements of music, such as dynamics, and tempo through a range of activities based on the Harry Potter symphonic suite. They will learn Christmas songs, carols and participate in a Christmas celebration. They will create a range of Christmas crafts and produce their own self-portraits, learning about proportion and explore a range of art materials. They will learn about the colour wheel and use marbling inks, clay and paints.

Health and Well-Being

This term the children will be developing their PE skills on Thursdays with Activ 8, please ensure your child has a labelled P.E. kit and does not wear earrings and jewellery. The children will participate in a range of cooking activities and our daily mindfulness sessions teaching them calming breathing and tips to help them focus on their learning. They will also participate in some Harry Potter themed Yoga sessions too.

Trips and Visitors

This term we hope to have some magical surprises for the children – you will have to watch this space for more information as we keep our eye on the guidance around COVID.

Science and Technology

The children will investigate a range of different materials, looking at solid, liquids and gases and examine changes of state. We will also look at reversible and irreversible changes with some of our cooking activities linked to this. They will use a range of apps and websites, including J2e to make videos and magical themed stories. They will also create their own animations using the small world and our new coding robots.

Humanities

The children will study Diwali, looking at the customs and traditions associated with this Hindu festival. They will also learn about the story of Christmas and look at the similarities that are shared between these two festivals of light. They will look at maps and coordinates using JK Rowling's 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' as inspiration.

Creative Learning

This term our role play area is a potion shop, where the children will be able to act out stories and imaginary scenarios helping to stimulate their imaginative story telling. The children will also have a range of creatively themed 'Got to Jobs' developing the children's independence and allowing them the opportunity to make decisions about what they would like to learn themselves.

Abracadabra!

This term we are learning about all things magical and mysterious!

Literacy

The children will listen to a range of magical themed stories to inspire their own writing. They will create their own magical potions and magical cakes and write instructions ensuring they include the key features, such as imperative verbs, bullet points and correct punctuation. The children will also design their own persuasive posters to advertise their potions, concentrating on the use of key persuasive language. They will learn about list and nonsense poetry focusing on the structure of poetry and vocabulary building. They will also have the opportunity to make their own wand and write a description of this using personification, similes, metaphors and other features of descriptive writing.

Numeracy

This term we will be studying place value to 1,000, addition and subtraction, (including one and two step word problems), doubling and halving, simple fractions and capacity linked to our topic. We will be using ICT to support this work through the Hwb, (Maths Blast). In addition, they will be encouraged to use Times Tables Rock Stars, a website targeting times tables skills.

Welsh

In Welsh, the children will be developing their oracy, reading and writing skills. They will write secret messages in Welsh to their friends and will be learning basic Welsh words and phrases, such as numbers, colours, months of the year and learn how to ask for things correctly. They will also have the opportunity to take home a Welsh reading book. Miss Gardner will deliver a weekly Welsh lesson. The children will also take part in a Welsh yoga session.

How can you help?

You can support your children at home, by talking about their learning in school, listening to them read daily and helping them to learn their spellings and times tables. Remember the children can also access a range of online resources and passwords for these will be sent home. As always, we will be keeping you up to date through Class Dojo so keep an eye out for your child!

Please be aware that due to the pandemic parts of the curriculum planned may have to be adapted, in line with Welsh Government and LA guidance. We thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this.

Please remember we are always here to answer any questions you may have.