



## Expressive Arts



This term the children will explore a variety of local art and will produce a range of artwork. We will look at Andrew Logan's Art and use this as inspiration for the children's own work. We will create some collages using a range of materials and learn to use art to express our thoughts and feelings. The pupils will also develop a range of poetry and learn some songs for the Christmas Performance.



## Health and Well-being

The children will be developing their PE skills on Wednesdays with Activ 8, please ensure your child arrives to school wearing their P.E. kit and does not wear any jewellery. Every Thursday the children will go swimming at the Flash and develop their techniques. As part of their well-being the children will also participate in daily mindfulness sessions teaching them calming breathing and strategies to help them focus on their learning.

## Trips and Visitors

We will explore our local village on our Topic day and then later in the term we will visit Powis Castle as part of the history to our local area.



## Science and Technology

The children will explore the local environment and animals that live in the area. Following this, they will learn about the water cycle and how water can be used as a renewable energy. The children will also construct their own bridges and test its weight bearing capacity. Throughout the term they will use a range of Technology devices which they will use to research and create pieces of work.



## Humanities

The children will locate local areas in Powys and learn to use and read maps. They will create their own map of the local area and identify physical features of rivers. We will also learn the history of our local area such as buildings and significant landmarks and how the canals were a vital part to transporting items for agriculture and industry.

## Creative Learning

The children will have a range of creatively themed 'Genius Hours', developing their independence and allowing them the opportunity to make decisions about what they would like to learn themselves. They will then present their work in front of their classmates.

## Our Local Area

Shwmae! This term we are learning all about the area that we live in.



### Literacy

The children will begin the year by writing a diary entry of their summer. We will look at a range of fictional stories that have links to our topic. We will then create non-fictional pieces of work that will provide opportunities for the pupils to present their work in the form of a manual and poster. They will progress with their learning by exploring a range of poetry that is linked to our own local area. Pupils will learn about metaphors and use them in their own poetry writing. Throughout the year children will be expected to continue to read at home and learn their weekly spellings. There will be a big focus on spellings with spellings being taught not only in English lessons but guided reading and in morning sessions.

### Numeracy

At the start of this term we will be refreshing our knowledge about place value to 10,000 and securing a deepening understanding of ways to calculate with them. We will begin by focusing on counting, reading and writing, partitioning, rounding and ordering numbers. In combination with this, we will also explore negative numbers and how to count backwards through zero. As we progress through the term, we will then learn different methods to add and subtract large numbers mentally and formally. We will apply our addition and subtraction skills to real life situations where they will role play a café or shop situation with money. Throughout the term the pupils will be participating in daily multiplication support sessions to improve their rapid recall with multiplication tables. As a class we will also be focusing on mathematical language and vocabulary, to broaden and deepen our learning.

### Welsh

This term's unit is called "Yn y Caffi". The children will develop their oracy skills by learning to ask and buy food in Welsh. They will get to role play by exchanging money for items "yn y caffi". Children will be encouraged to read a Welsh reading book at school and at home, and participate in daily Welsh lessons. Throughout the term they will continue to use basic Welsh words and phrases, such as numbers, colours, months of the year and learn how to ask for things correctly.

### 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!

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.**