

DOSBARTH Pufflings and Puffins Spring Term 2025 - 2



People who help us

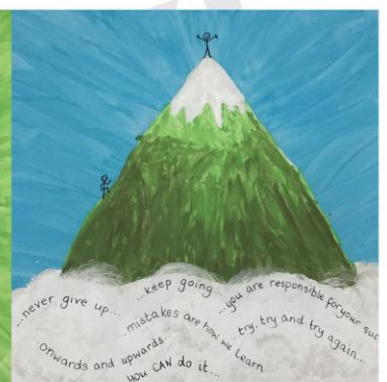
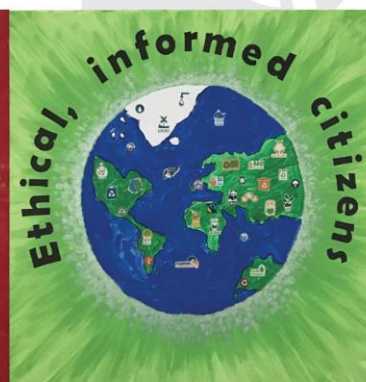
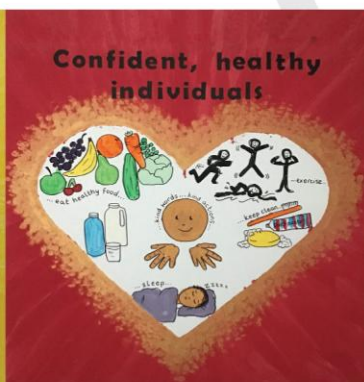
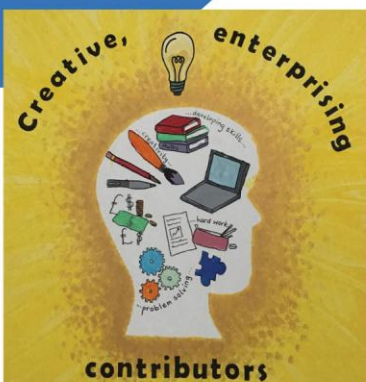
SPARKLY STARTER

We returned to school after our half term break dressed up in costumes that celebrate Wales. We had a range of lovely outfits ranging from traditional Welsh lady costumes, rugby t-shirts and hoodies, dragon attire, traditional Welsh boy costumes, children donning leeks and we even had a daffodil head! We headed to the whole school Eisteddfod where the children sang a Welsh Nursery Rhyme – 'Heno Heno' in front of the whole school. They did very well, singing with confidence and enjoyment. They enjoyed watching the rest of the Eisteddfod celebrations before heading back to class to take part in Welsh themed activities. These included Welsh cake tasting, using adjectives to describe and talk about their likes and dislikes. The full time children looked carefully at the Welsh flag and drew their own dragon, practised their rugby skills and created a group senses poem inspired by Welsh themed props such as leeks and a daffodil. The focus of work this half term will be Culture and Community – People who help us.

FAB FINISH

We will spend the next half term learning about people who help us in the school and wider community. We are looking forward to visits from the crossing patrol service, a visit to the school kitchen, a question and answer session with Mrs Hewitt and we hope to enjoy visits to the library as part of work about the local community and finding out more about a librarian's role. We will enjoy a range of Easter celebrations to mark the end of a lovely Spring term.

NEYLAND FOUR PURPOSES



PUPIL LEAD LEARNING

After the sparkly starter day, we discussed our new topic title 'People who help us' (Culture and Community). After brainstorming people who help us in around school, the children expressed an interest in the following...

- How does the lollipop lady stop the cars?
- Why do Mrs Hewitt and Mr Griffiths work in the office?
- Where does Jessica the librarian get all the books from?

ENGLISH and WELSH

As Linguists we will continue to develop our speaking, listening and reading skills through stories, songs and Fflic a Fflac stories. We will learn language patterns through 'Ffa La La' songs. Puffins will take part in a Pori Drwy Stori rhyme challenge. We will be focusing on phonics skills through RWI in Puffins and develop oracy and imagination through story dough in Pufflings. In Puffins, we will experience a range of stories and encourage imagination in 'Drawing Club.' We will develop our writing skills through dough disco and Penpals, and begin simple sentence writing using Mr Marker.

MATHEMATICS & NUMERACY

As Mathematicians we will continue to develop our skills in a practical manner. We will look at counting, reciting and singing number songs with numbers to 5 for Pufflings. Puffins will continue to develop our understanding of composition, subitising and addition this time using number to ten. We will continue to use 2D and 3D shapes within our play, using large blocks to support. We will develop our understanding of length, height and time through practical activities as well as continuing our work on mass and capacity. We will develop our number formation, supported with practical activities.

RVE

We will develop our understanding of rules, linked to our class charter which we created together. We will develop a sense of ourselves in the context of friends and families and begin to recognise that we are all different and that is what makes us special. We will continue to develop our understanding of acceptance and look at how we can overcome challenges. We will develop our understanding of special celebrations including Pancake day, Easter and Mother's Day.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

We will continue to develop our wellbeing journey through mindfulness practice and daily 'Mini – me' yoga sessions where we will learn poses and breathing techniques to help us be calm, focused and energized! We will focus on fundamental movement skills and follow 'Real PE' in our Puffins PE sessions. Our Jigsaw topic will be 'Healthy Me' where we will discuss the importance of exercise and healthy eating.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

There will be lots of opportunities to develop observational skills this term! The children will be encouraged to follow instructions when making pancakes, carefully observing changes to materials and describing what they can see. The children will also have the opportunity to use a range of tools and materials with growing independence in their art and craft work. The children explore and discuss the melting process.

HUMANITIES

We are very curious in Pufflings and Puffins and this topic will encourage us to ask questions to find out things within our school and local community. We will be encouraging children to ask questions of visitors and listen carefully to their answers. We will be given opportunities to explore and discover facts, stories and artefacts linked to our Welsh culture and local community.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

We love to be creative and will be exploring and experimenting! This term we will develop our textiles skills through simple sewing to create Easter decorations. As musicians we will develop our understanding of body percussion as well as using instruments to compose simple songs. This will be supported through music sessions. We will learn a variety of songs through weekly 'Sing Up' assemblies and daily Welsh 'Ffa-la-la' songs.