



Wonderful Wales and Beyond



Dosbarth Gwylan

Spring Term 2021

Brilliant Beginning

☺ There are some strange goings on in Neyland Community School! What are the teacher's doing – dancing, drawing, and is that a dragon? What on earth could we be doing this term? Look for clues and let us know!

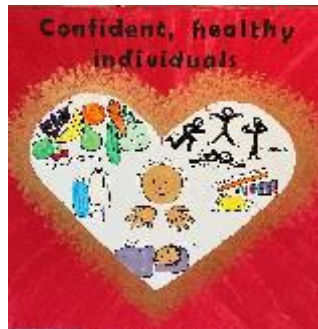
Sparkling Starter

Did you guess? To launch our theme we will begin with Wonderful Wales, listen to the story of the Welsh Flag and have a week full of dragon 'tails'! We will use our imaginations to create pet dragons, playdough models and end the week with a daring dragon parade! Get ready for a 'roarsome' week! ☺

Fabulous Finish

☺ So we will be taking part in a British Banquet..... put on your 'Party wear' and join us for a 'Fabulous Finish Feast!!'

We will have a picnic with some tasty treats from Wales and beyond. We will listen to traditional songs from around Great Britain and we may even take part in some dancing!!



The Four Purposes;

Ambitious Capable Learners

- The children can communicate effectively in different forms and settings, using both Welsh and English.
- Use number effectively in different contexts.

Confident, Healthy Individuals

The children are working on building their mental and emotional well-being by developing confidence, resilience and empathy. The children can form positive relationships based upon trust and mutual respect- face and overcome challenge.

Ethical, Informed Citizens

Children will have the opportunity to engage with contemporary issues based upon their knowledge and values. Children can understand and consider the impact of their actions when making choices and acting.

Creative, Enterprising Contributors

Children will learn to express ideas and emotions through different media. Children can take measured risks.

Rights Respecting Schools

As a Right's Respecting School we will consider the following rights in this topic;

Article 12: Every child has a right to have their voices heard.

Article 24: Children have the right to good quality health care, to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment.

Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Eco schools

We will be using our Fabulous Fridays to develop our understanding about our outdoor environment.

This will include: Foraging, exploring our school grounds, looking after our growing spaces and respecting our environment.

Pupil led Learning:

After the super sparkly starter day, the children had some questions they would like to find answers to. These included learning about the Welsh flag and flags of other countries; how many castles there are in Wales and where are they? They are also curious to find out about dragons, food eaten and clothes worn in different countries. They want to know more about the Welsh Language. They were also intrigued to find out more about the Lochness Monster!!

Languages, Literacy and Communication:

As Linguists we will develop our speaking and listening skills through games and discussions about our theme. We will continue with phonics sessions and activities on letters, sounds and reading skills. There will be many opportunities to learn Welsh words and phrases through activities and books linked to our theme. We will step back in time to discover Welsh and Scottish myths and legends and create our own adventures inspired by what we hear. We will share many exciting stories, factual books and poems.

Mathematics and Numeracy:

As Mathematicians we will become secure using numbers to 20 in our daily Maths sessions (although we will count much further!). We will encourage the use a wide range of resources and activities, indoors and out, to help us count, order, group, compare, add and subtract, of place value. We will be measuring and comparing length, weight and capacity. We will also use our Maths skills in our theme work, including looking at symmetry in flags and understanding that Maths skills can be used in many areas of school life – there will be opportunities to learn about positional language and direction through Welsh Folk dancing and creating lively jigs to perform as we sing sea shanties about the perilous pirate Barti Ddu!

Expressive Arts:

As Artists we will explore and experiment with a variety of creative techniques and materials creating collages and models linked to this term's theme. We will create our very own dragon, using some recyclable materials, which will contribute to a virtual Dragon Parade! We will be exploring and creating in the style of the Welsh artist Ruth Jen Evans, particularly looking at her 'Welsh ladies'. We will talk about what we create, listening to others views and thinking how we can make our work even better. We will also have opportunities to express ourselves through music and movement, dancing to traditional Welsh/Irish/Scottish music and using instruments to accompany our Pirate sea shanties.

Health & Wellbeing:

Thinking about our well-being we will continue to develop our understanding of how important it is to keep fit and healthy, engaging in PE sessions, indoor and out, and noticing how our bodies feel after exercise. We will begin to understand the importance of a balanced diet, making and tasting healthy vegetable cawl and juicy currant-filled welsh cakes. Our 'Jigsaw' journey will help up celebrate differences between us and encourage us to recognise how we are all unique. We will also continue to use our class charters / online charter to ensure our classrooms/ work spaces are safe, happy places to be, full of kind and caring friends.

Humanities:

Thinking about the World we will begin to recognise the distinct physical features of places, environments and landscapes in our locality, in Wales and in the rest of the United Kingdom, particularly Scotland, where we will hopefully make connections with a Scottish Primary School to further our exploration and looking at similarities and differences in our locality and theirs. This will give us opportunities to ask questions and make new friends! We will also enjoy celebrating special days and learning about St David.

Science and Technology:

As Scientists we will find, observe and describe ways in which materials change when they are mixed together and when heat is applied while making some traditional Welsh recipes, making observations and discussing our thoughts and ideas. We will develop our designing and making skills using a variety of materials including recyclable materials. We will become problem solving builders when making Cleddau bridges from construction materials and help the birds by creating bird feeders using simple tools and equipment – phew! We'd better get started then....Fun learning times ahead!