



The Universe



Dosbarth Caldey Summer Term 2022

Brilliant Beginning

A warm welcome awaits you on your return to school after the Easter break - please enter carefully and do not touch anything strange as you pass the adults in white suits!

What could be going on?

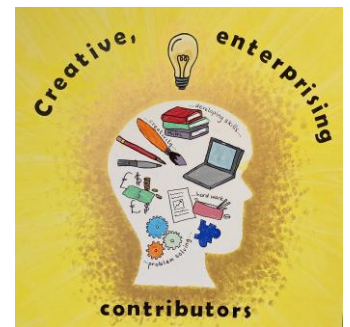
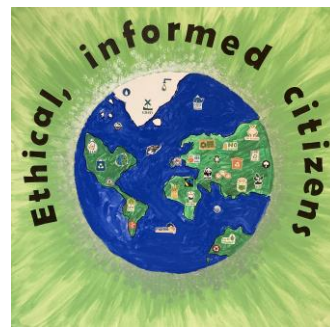
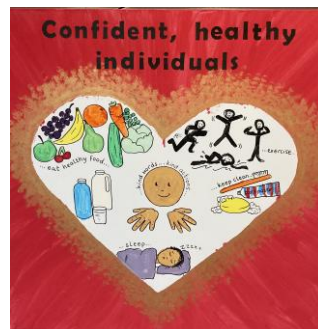
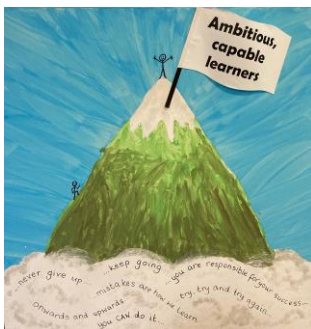
Sparkling Starter

We hope you enjoyed our special day! The aliens, slime and underpants everywhere were certainly a big shock for me! We also had fun making our own flying saucers and reading 'Aliens love underpants.' We soon discovered our topic is 'The Universe'. 😊

Fabulous Finish

To celebrate all we have learned, we will take part in our own Space themed 'Pizza Planet' Party! We will join together to celebrate all of our achievements.

There will be dancing, music and lots of fun!



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 continue to use 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 - Do aliens fly? What do the aliens eat? Is space dark?

Languages, Literacy and Communication:

As Linguists we will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills through stories, songs and role play. We will also develop a sense of curiosity about The Universe and beyond. We will continue to build our phonic knowledge through daily literacy activities, making the most of our outdoor learning environment as often as we can and ensuring our fine and gross motor skills are developed daily! We will be identifying initial sounds of space themed objects and using describing words when talking about the topic of space. We will take part in circle times, learning to take turns and speak in a group.

Mathematics and Numeracy:

As Mathematicians we will further develop our counting and number recognition skills in a varied and practical manner. We will focus on developing our ability to count using one-to-one correspondence securely to 5, then to 10 and beyond. We will also learn to count backwards from 0-10. We will be singing a range of songs and rhymes daily to help support our counting and number recognition skills and we will be looking at and exploring 2D shapes within our play.

Expressive Arts:

As Artists we will continue to explore and experiment using a variety of techniques and materials. We will investigate and explore plasticine and playdough, and design and make our very own creatures from outer space. We will learn space themed songs and rhymes. We will be looking at a variety of space themed art and listen to 'The Planets' by Holst. We will be exploring colour mixing in order to paint our very own planets. We will continue to sing daily rhymes and songs as part of our everyday routine.

Health & Wellbeing:

Thinking about our wellbeing we will be learning and focusing on the topic of 'Relationships'. We will be discussing people who are important to us and sharing our feelings about how they make us feel. We will also continue to learn about mindfulness including mindful breathing and listening and how we can use these techniques every day. We will be taking part in weekly SKIP (PE) sessions, focusing on large scale movements such as throwing, catching and kicking skills, as well as developing movements to complete obstacle courses. Did you know that all of these movements will get us ready for writing? As the weather gets warmer we will also be talking about how to stay safe in the sun.

Humanities:

So, have you ever wondered who was the first man to walk on the moon? Well, we will be finding out about the first person to do this as well as looking at space travel today. We will use stories and videos to find answers to our questions, sharing our ideas, observations and opinions. I wonder if we have any future astronauts in Dosbarth Caldey!

Science and Technology:

As Scientists we will be investigating 'The Universe'. We will be learning about stars in the night sky, shadows and light and dark. We will be looking at and drawing around shadows and talk about the things we do during the day and at night time. We will be looking at rocket launchers and having a go at making our own things launch up into space.