

Year 5 - Autumn Term 2026

Parent Curriculum Overview

Pits and Ponies

Legacy of coal mining in Barry



English

- write a suspense story inspired by Hansel and Gretel
- write diary entries as an Aberfan survivor
- oracy debate: explore arguments for and against a divisive topic
- write a biography of significant Welsh figures
- produce newspaper reports
- recounts of trip to the Big Pit

We are reading...



Cymraeg

We will be continuing to communicate clearly and confidently in Welsh within the theme of: All About Me

- Age
- Feelings
- Illnesses

Maths

We will be looking at:

- place value and numbers up to 100,000
- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- fractions, decimals and percentages,
- rounding, estimating and checking answers
- applying maths to mining topic
- co-ordinates
- prime, square, multiples and factors

Humanities

- place significant events from Welsh history in chronological order
- explore the experiences of Aberfan survivors
- learn about local significant figures and their lasting legacy
- map work of Welsh coal-fields
- use evidence to explain and justify their historical conclusions
- RE – Passover and Darna Day

Expressive Arts

We will be focusing on:

- mix media arts
- drama including freeze frames
- study the work of significant artists
- develop and refine their work in response to feedback

STEAM - Mixed media - Art

- Exploring materials
- Collage/craft techniques
- Surrealism (Salvador Dali)
- Photo montage
- Independent artwork

Science & Technology

- Geology of coal mining
- Sustainable energy solutions to fossil fuels

STEAM - Eat the seasons – food tech

- seasonality/tasting
- seasonal soup recipe
- soup recipe steps and methods
- designing a recipe
- preparing and cooking soup

Digital Skills

- research information and judge whether online sources are reliable
- recognise and respond to inappropriate online behaviour
- create and combine text, images, audio, animation and video
- use word-processing and presentation tools effectively including Adobe and PowerPoint

STEAM - Line light and shadow - DT - digital art

- observational drawing techniques and skills
- intro to using sketchbooks
- image editing
- black and white photography
- Using simple editing software
- forced perspective photography

Health & Wellbeing

In PE, children will develop their collaboration skills through team-building activities. Netball will be our focus sport. They will practise movement, passing, receiving, defending and teamwork while learning to evaluate and improve their performance.

Through our wellbeing and relationships work, children will focus on emotional regulation:

- empathy and sympathy
- recognising and managing emotions
- noticing triggers and warning signs of dis-regulation
- strategies to promote well-being

Pits and Ponies

This term, children will explore how the coal industry shaped Barry, Wales, Britain and the wider world.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Jump In Day: TBC – during the first week after half term

Visit- Monday 28th September -Big Pit