



Challenge Mats – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

What are Challenge Mats?

Our Challenge Mats are made up of four tasks based on the Four Purposes which are the base on which the new Curriculum for Wales is built. We want to share them with you as it will give you a peak into what we are currently learning about at school and some of us may want to talk about our work at home or even continue a task. The Challenge Mats are always available on the class team's page and displayed in class. Each one begins with some context which links to other areas of our learning in school.

How we use them

Once our Challenge Mats have been shared, we work through them as independently as possible, choosing the order we do them, how we approach the task and how we present the work. Staff are always at hand to help and support if needed but we encourage as much independence and pupil-led learning as possible. We all do them at our own level and talk about how we can keep progressing in our own individual way. They are great in helping us use and build on our skills in a range of different context and helping us to identify what skills we need to use on our own and if there are any skills we need to work on.

Success Criteria

The success criteria on each task are used as guides to help us include and consider all that we need to. You'll notice that each criteria has a *, **, *** at the start, this is to indicate the level of challenge each one has – the more * the more challenging that criteria is.

Learning Intention (LI)

At the start of each task there is a Learning Intention (LI), these show us the intention of the learning and why we are doing it. These are a mix of the Areas of Learning Experience from the new Curriculum for Wales and from the Four Purposes. The language in them can seem a bit tricky at first, but we talk about them and it's a great way to build our vocabulary!

Curriculum For Wales

For more information on the Curriculum for Wales, including the Four Purposes and the Areas of Learning Experience please use the following [Curriculum for Wales - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales)

Progression

This school year we are also going to be progressing our Challenge Mat work by using peer-assessment and feedback to improve our work (asking our peers how we can improve) and refining our presentation and recording skills.

We hope you enjoy seeing what we're up to!

