

Language, Literacy & Communication – Focus for this first half term will be on developing confidence with meaningful mark-making, speaking and listening, enjoying and responding to stories. Activities will include:

- Dough Disco
- Story Dough
- Daily story times
- Circle times
- Explore letter sounds and begin blending them together to make words.
- Opportunities for mark-making across our classroom: mud painting, chalk writing, writing and telling stories through pictures, role-play, art, emerging writing when ready, singing songs and rhymes.

Mathematics & Numeracy – Through stories, play, games, technology and mental maths sessions children will explore numbers to ten and beyond, focusing on:

- Counting on and back through recitation as well as counting groups of items. Start at different points each time.
- Extending our counting beyond 20 as well as counting in 2s and 10s.
- Read and write numbers to ten (and beyond to 20) on a number stick. What come before and after / one more or one less.
- Adding and subtracting within 10 by adding one more or one less.
- Explore finger patterns.
- Combine two groups of items to find how many altogether
- Recognise and sort coins to 10p.

Topic Journey

Seizing the season – Festivals and Celebrations

- Create firework art.
- Make nature art with what we find in our Forest School.
- Narrate a story on the Green Screen for our Christmas show
- Learn new Christmas songs, singing in English and Welsh.
- Make Christmas cards for our loved ones.
- Create a decoration for our Christmas tree.
- Use our artistic skills to make a 2024 calendar.
- Continue to care for our pet hamster, Cow by feeding and cleaning him.



Welsh

In Reception we will explore the foundations of Welsh in our everyday routines, including

- Amser snac – Ga I... / Snack time, can I have...
- Faint ydy dy oed di? / How old are you?
- Pa liw ydy hwn? / What colour is it?
- Rhifau / Numbers

As well as these phrases we will explore Welsh Christmas songs like *Dymunwn Nadolig Llawen*.

Suggested Learning for Home

Look out for and discuss signs of winter.

Spot Christmas lights and decorations in the local community.

Share stories together

Enjoy counting songs

Play Top Marks Maths games. These can be found at www.topmarks.co.uk

Discussing school meal choices together

Build independence in personal care routines e.g. washing hands, putting on and zipping up coats, taking responsibility for our own belongings like hats and gloves.

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