

Language, Literacy & Communication – Focus for this first half term will be on developing confidence with writing words, writing sentences and contributing to sentences, speaking and listening, enjoying and responding to a range of texts about animals and the environment, principally through Drawing Club. The themes for each week will be:

Wk 1 – Disgusting Sandwich – plan and make a recipe for the sandwich.

Wk 2 – Disgusting Sandwich – write a recipe.

Wk 3 – Hamster Care – explore how to care for our class pet.

Wk 4 – Hamster Poster – create a poster for younger children to care for class animals.

Wk 5 and Wk 6 – Pontypool Park – exploring the history of the park and retelling our trip.

Wk 7 – My time in Reception!

Mathematics & Numeracy –

Maths warm ups to include counting to 30 with different starting points, counting back from 20, bridging the tens, making values with number fans, beads, Numicon.

Wk 1 – Number patterns – dice, dominos, regular and irregular patterns. Adding totals using these.

Wk 2 – Counting back to find values.

Wk 3 – Making Number Bonds for numbers to 20.

Wk 4 – Maths Seeds – Explore the app to understand Place Value

Wk 5 – Maths Seeds – Explore the app to understand Adding and Subtraction

Wk 6 – Maths Recap – Adding, subtracting, exploring values in different ways.

Wk 7 – Maths Recap – Counting objects/groups of objects and recording values.

Topic Journey

As well as playing together with the children, experiences we will plan for along with our theme in mind include:

Complete an end of year self-portrait.

Bake and make food for our Picnic in the park.

Join the Hamster Crew – cleaning, feeding and caring for our class hamster, Cow.

Make a disgusting sandwich – would anyone or anything enjoy eating this?

Learn about looking after our local environment – our class, the school, and the wider community like the park.

Explore what all living things need to thrive – including people, animals, plants and flowers.



Welsh

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

- Amser snac – Ga I... / Snack time, can I have...
- Ble Mae / Where is?
- Mawr neu fach? / Big or small?
- Ble wyt ti'n byw? / Where do you live?
- Count to ten as part of check in and lining up times.

Suggested Learning for Home

Look out for and discuss signs of Summer – how does the environment and weather change?

Share stories together.

Encourage your child to read their home reading book.

Play Top Marks Maths games. Specific games that we enjoy are:

- [Caterpillar Ordering](#)
- [Train Patterns](#)
- [Teddy Numbers](#)
- [Ladybird Spots](#)
- [Coconut Ordering](#)
- [Helicopter Rescue](#)
- [Hit The Button](#)

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