

Nursery

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays.

This term our topic is **All Creatures Great and Small/ Creaduriad Mawr a Bach.**

In **Language, Literacy and Communication** the children will start learning the Jolly Phonic letter sounds. Initially we will be starting with s a t i p n, which is the first set of sounds in the scheme. We will be helping children to recognise the sound and find objects beginning with the sound.

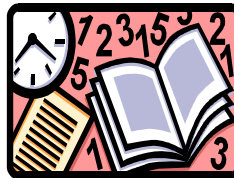


We will be continuing our work on pencil grip and control. We will be learning to recognise our first name and starting to write it using correct formation.

In **Mathematical Development**, This term we will be focusing on number work. We will be learning various number rhymes and action songs. We will be concentrating on how to count objects as well as write numbers to five, using correct formation. We will also continue our work on sorting, matching and pattern making.



In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World** they will be observing the differences between different animals in order to group them. We will be looking at pets, farm animals, wild animals, under the sea creatures



and minibeasts. They will be learning about their habitats and how they live. During our Forest Friday sessions we will be investigating the outdoor learning environment



Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity.

The children will be learning how to care for animals and to respect all living things. If any parent would like to bring in and talk about their pet we would be very grateful.

Please see your child's teacher to arrange a visit.



As part of developing an awareness of different cultures we will be celebrating The Chinese New Year—The Year of the Tiger in February. We will be tasting Chinese foods, making lanterns and finding out why each new year is named after an animal.



Creative Development

The children will continue to be encouraged to express themselves freely and explore and experiment with a variety of techniques and materials.



Creative Development (continued)

The children will be exploring a range of sound sources and experimenting with different ways of making and organising sounds.

They will be listening to sections from 'The Carnival of the Animals' then creating their own musical ideas to contribute to simple compositions to represent animals.



Physical Development

The children will continue to use and handle a range of tools to develop their fine manipulative skills.

We hope to be spending plenty of time every day exploring and investigating their outdoor learning environments

They will have the opportunity to be involved in the different types of play and a range of planned activities including those that are child initiated.

Welsh Language Development

The children will be encouraged to use lots of incidental Welsh during the day. We will be learning Pwy wyt ti? / Sut wyt ti? As well as learning the vocabulary associated with animals. They will be developing an understanding of their own Welsh identity and will be learning songs and simple folk dances as part of our St David's Day celebrations



ICT



We will use computers, the SMART board and other equipment to help us learn about animals. We will use ICT to develop information. We will be creating and presenting ideas, handling data, reading and writing. We will be using 2simple to graph our favourite pets. Hand eye co-ordination will be further improved and children will become more independent when using laptops, tape recorders and the digital camera.

NOTICE BOARD

- We are keen to continue our positive links between home and school and would be grateful for any good ideas on our topic. Perhaps you could take your child to the library to find information books about animal, visit a pet shop or the garden centre, talk to your child about how you look after your pet at home so that they can share this with us in school.
- We will be starting our Forest School sessions every Tuesday. Please could your child bring a pair of wellies every Tuesday in a bag that is clearly labelled with their name. We would appreciate it if you could help us to teach your child how to change their shoes themselves. Unfortunately we do not have the storage to keep the wellies in school for you.
- Please ensure your child's name on everything - coat, lunch box, jumpers, wellies, water bottle etc.. This really does help when things get mislaid.
- **Please send snack contributions in a marked envelope, on Mondays.** Your contributions enable us to providing a healthy snack. THANK YOU TO OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS!

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