



Reception Year



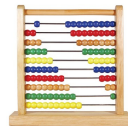
Welcome to Reception!

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays. This term our topic is **Anifeiliad/Animals**.



In **Language, Literacy and Communication /Sgiliau iaith, Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu**, the children will continue learning the Jolly Phonic letter sounds. The children who know the 42 sounds will be taking flashcards home along with their reading books, as part of their 'homework.' It is a good opportunity for parents to help their children build up 'a sight vocabulary.' We thank the parents who have already been helping their children in this way. The children will continue to learn letter formation using the school script. The children will continue to develop their 'word building' skills this term, sounding out simple familiar words, e.g. c-a-t spells cat.

In **Mathematical Development/ Datblygiad Mathemategal**, the children will be ordering numbers to 10 and beyond and continuing to learn their correct formation. The concept of 'more' and 'less' will be developed. The children will also begin using the vocabulary of addition and finding the total of 2 sets of objects.



Physical Development/Datblygiad Corfforal

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 environment. 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.

In Knowledge and Understanding of the World/Gwybodaeth a Dealltwriaeth o'r Byd,

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/Datblygiad Personol a Chymdeithasol, Lles Amrywiaeth Ddiwylliannol.

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 Dragon in January. We will be tasting Chinese foods, making lanterns and finding out why each new year is named after an animal.



Creative Development /Datblygiad Creadigal

The children will continue to be encouraged to express themselves freely and explore and experiment with a variety of techniques and materials. The children will be exploring a range of sound sources and experimenting with different ways of making and organizing 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.



Welsh Language Development/Datblygu'r Gymraeg

The children will be encouraged to use lots of incidental Welsh during the day. We will be learning the language patterns Ga i and Oes ...da 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 make a graph of our favourite pets and children will be sorting animals on a Venn Diagram. 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

- Please send snack money contributions in a named envelope on a Monday or £4.50 for this half term.
- As we are trying to encourage children to drink water throughout the day, it would be helpful if you could send in a water bottle (clearly labelled with your child's name).
- Please send in some wellies for Forest School and other activities.
- Please remember your child should wear joggers and trainers on a Friday ready for PE or Forest School.
- Please put your child's name on everything – coat, lunch box, jumpers, wellies, water bottle etc.

Thank you
The Early Years Staff

Please visit our website

www.twynschool.com

The image shows a screenshot of the Twyn School website navigation menu. A yellow arrow labeled "click here" points to the "Home" link in the left-hand menu. A yellow arrow labeled "then here" points to the "Lower Foundation Phase" section of the main navigation area. A yellow arrow labeled "for..." points to the "Lower Key Stage 2" section. The website header includes the Twyn School logo and the motto "Together We Succeed". The main navigation area is organized into four rows of class links, each represented by a blue circle with white text: Lower Foundation Phase (NJ, RL, RB), Upper Foundation Phase (1J/W, 1C, 2T, 2W), Lower Key Stage 2 (3L, 3G, 4R, 4D/J), and Upper Key Stage 2 (5W/M, 5G, 6M, 6L). To the right of the navigation area are cartoon illustrations of children and an elderly woman.