

Reception Year

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.

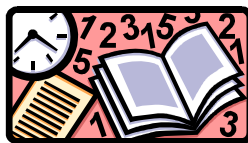
In **Language, Literacy and Communication /Sgiliau iaith, Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu**, the children will continue learning the Jolly Phonic letter sounds. The children who know the 42 sounds will be taking flashcards home along with their reading books, as part of their 'homework.' It is a good opportunity 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 working with numbers to 10 and beyond, learning the concept of 'more' and 'less.' They will begin to use the vocabulary of addition and finding the total of 2 sets of objects.



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 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 / Datblygiad Creadigal

The children will continue to be encouraged to express themselves freely and explore and experiment



Creative Development (continued)

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 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 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.

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

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- 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 animals, 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.
- After the snow, some wellies have been taken home. As we will be continuing our Forest School sessions this term, we would be grateful if every child has some wellies in school.
- We are still trying to encourage all of our children to drink water throughout the day. So it would be helpful if you could send in a water bottle (clearly labelled with your child's name).
- Please ensure your child's name is 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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