

Language, Literacy & Communication –

Focus for this first half term will be on developing confidence with meaningful mark-making, speaking and listening, learning initial letters sounds and beginning to blend them together to read and write CVC words. Books and themes we will explore are:
Wk 1 – Firework night. Firework safety and 'The Quiet Little Firework' by Nicola Coppack.

Wk 2 – Poppy Day - Why do we wear poppies..

Wk 3 – Talking about my feelings - Scribble spot song/creating a spot showing their feelings.

Wk 4 and Wk 5 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' poem in order to prepare for Christmas Show.

Wk 6 – The Nativity and exploring the Christmas story.

Wk 7 – 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson

Mathematics & Numeracy –

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

Wk 1-3: Exploring representing numbers to ten in a variety of practical, pictorial and written methods. Will also involve ordering numbers, finding missing numbers, counting groups of items, and comparing values.

Recognise coins to 10p.

Wk 4 – Adding, initially by adding one more.

Wk 5 – Subtracting, initially by taking away one.

Wk 6 – Combine two groups of items to find how many altogether.

Wk 7 – Pay for items using coins in the Christmas shop.

Topic Journey

Proud to be me

Create firework art.

Sequence the Guy

Fawkes story.

Visitor to teach us Polish.

Draw a Poppy for remembrance day.

Make nature art with what we find in our Forest School.

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 2025 calendar.



Welsh

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

- Pwy wyt ti? And Croeso songs

Adryn Melyn song - Bird song

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 Autumn/Winter.

Spot Christmas lights and decorations in the local community.

Share stories together – enjoy the home reading books to develop letter/sound knowledge.

Enjoy counting songs and support your children's growing number recognition.

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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