



Reception - Curriculum News Spring 2026 Topic – Scrumptious!

It is good to have you all back at school! Happy New Year!

This term our topic is '**Scrumptious!**'. It will enable the children to explore different types of food, including observing and experiencing the changing state of foods by cooking, melting, mixing and freezing. We will explore where food comes from, our personal likes and dislikes and we will be learning about foods eaten in different parts of the world.

Languages, Literacy, and Communication

One of our main emphases will be to continue with the learning and reinforcement of phonemes through Read, Write Inc. daily. During these sessions your children will be encouraged to take care with their presentation and handwriting (letter formation). The children will be learning high frequency words each week and developing a love of mark making and writing for different purposes.

As your child's reading skills develop we will be looking to enhance their quality of reading using a wider range of genres. The children are invited to use the writing table in our class through free choice and teacher directed activities, this will have a range of resources and mark making tools on it so the children can experiment and develop their writing skills. Each week your child will focus on a topic-based story and participate in Literacy activities based on this text. This term we will be looking at *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr, *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Brown, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, *Oliver's Fruit Salad* by Vivian French, *Herb The Vegetarian Dragon* by Jules Bass, *The Highway Rat* by Julia Donaldson and *The Giant Jam Sandwich* by Janet Burroway.

We will be encouraging your child to speak in front of an audience on a regular basis through topical activities and they will be invited to take part in 'Show and Tell' on a half termly basis. This will take place on the **last Thursday and Friday of every half term**. Your child's artefact for 'Show and Tell' should be **carefully chosen** to reflect your child's interests and where possible the current topic.

Welsh

All children from Reception to Year 6 receive a 10 minute oral Welsh session each day aimed to increase fluency and confidence in this language. During this time the children play games and take part in 'hot seat' activities. These sessions are fun, practical and very beneficial.

In addition to these daily sessions the children also have a dedicated Welsh lesson each week. We will also be learning about the culture of Wales and its language. The children will be using incidental Welsh daily such as numbers, colours, rhymes, songs and greetings and also learning a variety of topic related vocabulary relating to Bwyd (Food) and Dewi Sant.

The children will be learning how to ask a variety of questions in Welsh. They will be learning how to respond appropriately when asked questions in Welsh and they will be encouraged to use Welsh constantly during their independent learning. Reception will also be learning and performing a song for our Eisteddfod.

International Languages

We will be learning French this term. We will be learning greetings, counting and colours.

How you can help: Play Fred Talk Games at home and in the car and around your home. Help teach your child to recognise different sounds. When reading books come home, listen to your child read daily. Encourage your child to notice letters and print in their environment.

Maths and Numeracy

Numeracy skills will be taught through practical activities and play. In Reception we will be learning number formation and how to write numbers using sand, paint and shaving foam.

During maths sessions we will be learning to:

Count in 2s

Identify odd and even numbers

Count on or back in 10's

Estimate a number of objects

Recall days of the week, months of the year and seasons

Say the number that is one more and one less

Recall addition facts for pairs to 10; relating addition facts to an understanding of addition

Recall the names and features of 2D and 3D shapes.

Develop more complex repeating patterns.

Through role play we will be learning about money and how to use it.

We will be weighing ingredients and comparing weights.

The children will learn how to create, record and interpret Tally charts, pictograms and bar charts through topic work.

We will also be using 'Numicon' - this a resource that enables children to develop their understanding of mathematics by helping them to see connections between numbers by manipulating and making connections using shapes. A key understanding developed through 'Numicon' is that numbers are not just randomly occurring things, but that they form a highly organised system – which is full of many kinds of patterns. For more information about this and tips for how you can help at home visit www.numicon.co.nz

How can you help: – Practise counting forwards to 20 and beyond daily. Practise counting backwards from 10 at first then once this is mastered move on to counting back from 20. Practise counting groups of objects by moving them physically from one space to another, so they are using one to one correspondence, then move on to counting by grouping in 2s, 5s and 10s. Play shops at home using real coins to pay for items.

RE

Your children will be discovering the world of Christianity through daily worship (assemblies) and through play-based activities within their setting. This term we are going to be learning about 'People of God', and stories from the New Testament. The children will also be learning about the church year and the season Epiphany, St. Bridget's Day and St. David's day. They will take part in a special Mothering Sunday Service.

As a Church in Wales School your child will also take part in Virtual whole school daily worships due to the hall extension and weekly Religious Education sessions.

This terms Gospel Value is **Responsibility** and we will be exploring stories from the Bible that demonstrate this.

Health and Well Being

The children will discover how to look after themselves in terms of healthy eating and hygiene. We will be learning about how different foods can affect our teeth. If anyone is or knows a dentist that could come in to talk to the children about this we would be very grateful.

Reception will be exploring how exercise affects their health. It is very important that every pupil takes part in as much PE as possible. It is therefore important that they have the correct kit with them. Pupils will need kit that can be used outdoors in the cold weather with sturdy trainers. (Reception P.E. days are on Wednesdays and occasionally Thursdays/Fridays with Mr Nurton). They will also develop hand eye co-ordination using small equipment. Other physical development activities will be developed through topical play both indoors and out, threading, riding bikes, building models and dens and construction such as Lego etc.

Our role play areas will also be a focus for social skill development and the children will be playing together interactively through a range of activities. We will have a Supermarket and Pizza Parlour where the children will develop their ability to share with their peers further and they will also develop their friendships whilst working in their learning environment.

Science and Technology

This term we will be learning to upload independent learning onto our learning journal 'Seesaw'. We will also be using a variety of learning apps and websites throughout the term to develop our digital competency.

The children will be exploring what happens to different types of food as it is boiled, heated, melted, cooled and frozen. They will also discover the work of a chef and what their job involves (the children will gain opportunities to work alongside people from the catering industry) The children will help to prepare, cook and clean up.

They will also begin to understand that we all have different preferences. We will be finding out our likes and dislikes and explore how our senses help us to decide these!

Humanities

The children will be learning through practical activities and discovering where food comes from. They will explore more unusual foods such as spices and exotic fruits and vegetables using their senses of touch, taste and smell. We will explore world maps and use the Internet to find out about where different foods originate from.

Expressive Arts

Reception will be taking part in Welsh folk dancing. During dance they will be learning about rhythm and traditional dance steps. They will also be developing control of their bodies and good body tension.

This term we will be singing and performing (using actions) a range of songs, dances and rhymes linked to our topics and Welsh culture.

Every day the children will have the opportunity to take part in a creative activity, whether it is drawing, painting, making, colouring or singing. The children will explore a variety of tuned and un-tuned instruments in group activities.

We will be making prints of different foods, Still life paintings, designing and making menus, learning about the artists Giuseppe Arcimboldo and creating artwork based on his style of work. During these sessions the children will be taking part in both 2D and 3D art and using digital photography to capture some of their work. The children will be using a variety of media such as chalks, pastels, paint and collage materials.

As always if there is anything you are unclear about or if you have any concerns or queries at all please don't hesitate to approach us, we are always happy to help.

Best Wishes,















Mrs C. Chapman

Further ways to help your child:

- Please ensure your children have school P.E. kit every Wednesday and Thursday/Friday. Usually kit is left in school all half term so it's one less thing for you to remember!
- Please return home reading books every **Monday**, these will be returned as soon as possible.
- Encourage your children to reinforce their sounds daily.

- Please ensure your children have appropriate weatherproof clothing which is clearly marked with their names as they will be engaging in the outdoors every day.
- Please ensure all of your children's uniform is clearly marked with their names.
- Please ensure your children have a healthy snack for morning play time and also a refillable water bottle. As we are a healthy school, **we do not allow chocolate, crisps or cake/biscuits to be consumed at break times in school.** Drink bottles and snack boxes should be clearly labelled.
- Children will be provided with milk every day.
- If your children are away from school at any time, please inform the school as soon as possible **and provide a letter/email stating the reason.**

A reminder for your fridge:

Things to bring to school:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Outdoor clothing i.e. Coat, hat, wellies,					
P.E. kit in school					
Home reading book and signed reading record					
Red bag					
Healthy snack and water bottle clearly labelled	