



Spring Term 2024 – Food & Farming

Bwyd a Ffermio



This term our new topic will be 'Food & Farming'. Planning for this topic will stem from the pupil's ideas and our pupil voice discussions.

Literacy, Language and Communication

Each day we will learn daily letters and sounds in phonics, reading and handwriting. To encourage the children's oracy skills, they will have opportunities to partake in regular role-play opportunities. The children will also have the opportunity to share their homework as well as any other news they have on a Monday morning.

The children will listen to a wide variety of topic themed fiction and non-fiction books that will relate to our food and farming topic. We will be exploring opportunities for role play when we read 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Little Red Hen'. Once we have familiarised ourselves with the stories, we will use our imagination to create our own adaptation. Furthermore, we will be making our own healthy fruit smoothies and writing instructions to match! We hope to go on a trip to a farm in our locality and we will enjoy reflecting on our experience and writing a recount. Please try your best to read as much as you can at home. This will benefit your child's reading greatly and support the work we are doing in school.

Numeracy

Over the Spring term, the Reception children will be developing their understanding of number, as well as exploring shape, length, height and time and mass and capacity. We will sing lots of exciting songs to help us learn. Our first focus for Reception will be exploring numbers to 10, representing numbers and composition of number. Our first focus for year one will be place value, where we will be developing our understanding of numbers, comparing them and ordering them on a number line.

We will also be developing our problem-solving skills during our topic lessons, solving some exciting tasks and challenges! Some will include measuring how much sugar is in different drinks and using positional vocabulary to navigate animals around the farm! We will also collect and sort a variety of data based on the things we find!

We will continue to develop our understanding of shape by going on a shape hunt around school to spot different shapes and we will also learn about their properties and compare their similarities and differences. The children will also have time to explore and develop their mathematical learning by accessing learning opportunities during Busy Bee time (continuous provision).

Welsh

In Welsh, the children will develop their oracy and reading skills. During this term, children will have the opportunity to bring home a Welsh book to explore. Every day, we will continue with incidental Welsh including counting, colours, weather and commands. We also do daily 'Helpwr Heddiw' questions where the children practice their question-and-answering skills in Welsh. We will also be introducing and using new vocabulary linked to our Welsh topic – Bwyd a Ffermio as well as reading the Welsh version of 'The Enormous Turnip'.

How can you help?

You can support your children at home, by talking about their learning in school, **listening to them read daily and helping them to learn their tricky words and sounds**. Remember the children can also access a range of online resources. As always, we will be keeping you up to date through Class Dojo so please keep an eye out! If you have any things that you no longer use at home, that could support this topic in the role play or small world, we would love to make use of them in class so please send them in.

*Please remember we are always here to
answer any questions you may have.*

Expressive Arts



This term we hope to walk around a local farm and create our own farm animal pictures. We will also study the work of Guisepe Arcimboldo to create our own fruit portraits! In music, we will listen to the song 'Food Glorious Food' and create our own composition using body body percussion.

We will also get the opportunity to explore basic instruments and to explore movement through listening to different types of sounds.



Health and Well-Being

We will have P.E lessons every week which will be on a Tuesday so please remember to come to school dressed in your P.E kit on that day. We also hope to plan regular opportunities for yoga with Mrs Watts, as well as engaging in a variety of outdoor learning activities, so please come prepared for all weathers! The children will have the opportunity to take part in a food tasting afternoon, where we will develop an understanding of the importance of healthy foods and how they can be sourced locally or internationally.



We will also be continuing with our Dina school sessions by using our puppets 'Wally and Dina' to learn about social stories and scenarios.

We will focus on solving real life problems, how to manage different emotions, how to be a good friend and much more!



Humanities



During our topic, we will research where food originates from and we hope to investigate how farms have evolved over time. We will discuss where people got food from, in a time before shops and restaurants.

We will also look at food packaging and use our map skills to locate different countries and local farms. In Religious Education we will learn about Judaism and Chinese New Year.



Science and Technology

As part of our Science lessons we will study the eat well plate and health eating. We will design our own healthy smoothies and fruit kebabs too!

Whilst learning the story 'The Three Little Pigs', we will explore a variety of materials and investigate how long it takes to blow the little pigs houses down!

We will also learn about the food chain and research different animal facts, to help us create a fact file for different farm animals.

We will continue with our Eaware lessons on internet safety and how to keep ourselves safe online, starting by learning about our digital footprints and exploring algorithms (instructions).

In ICT, we will continue to use HWB to practise our typing skills, paint pictures, show data & create animations too.

