



Beside the Seaside!

During our “Beside the Seaside” topic, children will explore a wide range of aspects of the beach. They will learn how seaside trips have changed over time, discover what can be found at the beach, and think about the different activities people enjoy there. The topic will also cover how to stay safe in the sun and by the sea, the types of animals that live along the coast, and how sea transport has developed and is used today. It promises to be an exciting term full of engaging, hands-on learning experiences!

Language and Communication Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu

- Daily phonics lessons to practise new sounds, letter formation and blending.
- Learning how and when to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Sharing seaside stories such as Lucy and Tom at the Seaside and Tiddler.
- Exploring pirate and sailing stories and learning new vocabulary.
- Retelling stories, asking and answering questions and talking about what has happened.
- Practising answering in full sentences when speaking and writing.
- Writing postcards and recounts of our beach trip.
- Creating a fact file about a sea creature.
- Writing descriptions of pirates.
- Writing instructions to help a pirate find treasure.
- Exploring new Welsh language patterns and questions, such as “Ble wyt ti’n byw?” and “Faint ydy dy oed di?”

Maths and Numeracy Mathemateg a Rhif

- Exploring number bonds to 10 using simple rhymes and patterns.
- Learning 2D and 3D shape names, including faces and sides.
- Comparing and measuring length and height.
- Exploring time.
- Practising numbers to 20 and beyond.
- Beginning simple addition and subtraction.
- Exploring sharing and grouping.
- Developing early mapping skills.

Health and Wellbeing Iechyd a Lles

- Taking part in PE and practising for Sports Day.
- Developing ball skills, including throwing, catching and bouncing.
- Taking part in Dough Disco and Finger Gym to build fine motor skills.
- Joining in with Circle Time.
- Taking part in Forest School activities and outdoor learning.

Religious Education Addysg Grefyddol

- To learn about Jesus’ ascension.
- The story of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit visited Jesus’ Disciples.
- The Christian community and the importance of praying together.
- A sense of belonging (Why do Christians go to Church?)
- Learn about the features of the church and their importance/purpose.
- How can we care for others in our community?
- The life of St Peter and St Paul.

Thematic Work Gwaith Thematig

- Learning about the beach and seaside and visiting a local beach.
- Exploring different parts of the beach, including rock pools.
- Learning about sea creatures and their habitats and exploring sea life food chains.
- Looking closely at seabirds and how their features help them.
- Learning about seas and oceans on a map and that they cover most of the Earth.
- Finding out how sea transport has changed over time and the different ways we can travel on water.
- Exploring how we can help to keep beaches and oceans clean.
- Testing different materials and fabrics to find out which are best for keeping sailors warm and dry.
- Creating beach scenes in art and making a collage.

What can you do to help me at home?

- Read stories together and talk about the pictures and characters.
- Practice letter formation and handwriting
- Practice rote counting in games like hide and seek up to 20 and beyond.
- Sort objects by colour, size, or shape.
- Practice tidying up toys and belongings.



Important Dates

Thursday 30th April – Ladybird’s parents assembly.
Friday 1st May – Reception Trip to Rhyl Beach.
Monday 11th May – Uniform swap shop 3pm – 4pm.
Thursday 14th May – Butterflies parents assembly.
Thursday 21st May – Sports Day.
Tuesday 4th July – Moving up day.
Thursday 16th July – Outdoor Disco.



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