



Summer Term 2026 – How do we Express Ourselves?



'Sut rydyn ni'n Mynegi ein Hunain?'

This term, our new topic will be 'How do we Express Ourselves?'. Planning for this theme will be shaped by the children's interests, ideas, and pupil voice discussions, ensuring learning is meaningful and child-led.

Literacy, Language and Communication

Each day, the children will develop their phonics, reading, and handwriting skills through daily letter and sounds activities. To support oracy, they will take part in regular role-play opportunities, encouraging confidence in speaking and listening.

On Monday mornings, the children will have the opportunity to share their homework and any news they would like to tell the class. Throughout the term, they will listen to a wide range of topic-themed books linked to our learning.

When reading 'Anansi and the Spider', children will enjoy exploring the sequence of events in the story while gaining an insight into African culture. They will also develop their understanding of letter writing, with the opportunity to write a postcard or letter to a child in another country.

In addition, children will take part in instructional writing as they learn how to make traditional African and Indian dishes, bringing their learning to life through practical experiences.

Numeracy

Reception

This term Reception will be exploring numbers to 20 and beyond, developing our understanding of how quantities change and answering questions such as "How many now?". We will investigate 3D shapes, learning to recognise and describe them, and begin sharing and grouping objects to build early multiplication and division skills. The children will also deepen their understanding of numbers and shapes by manipulating, composing and decomposing them, as well as visualising, building and mapping to strengthen their spatial awareness and problem-solving abilities.

Year 1

Year one will be busy developing our understanding of multiplication and division, using practical methods to solve problems. We will explore place value within 100, helping the children to recognise the value of digits in two-digit numbers. The children will also learn about money, including recognising coins and notes and solving simple problems. In addition, we will be introduced to fractions, focusing on halves and quarters, and explore position and direction to describe movement and location.

Welsh

In Welsh, the children will continue to develop their oracy and reading skills. Daily incidental Welsh will include counting, colours, weather, and classroom commands. We will also continue our daily *Helpwr Heddiw* questions, allowing the children to practise asking and answering questions in Welsh.

New vocabulary linked to our Welsh topic, *Y Lan y Mor*, will be introduced and reinforced. The children will enjoy labelling beach items and describing seaside locations.

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, the children will enjoy exploring a wide range of music from different parts of the world. They will learn about a variety of instruments, including African drumming, and discover how different cultures and communities express themselves through music.

We will also explore dance, giving the children the opportunity to learn styles such as Irish and Bollywood dancing. In art, the children will develop their skills in aboriginal art as well as other art techniques from all over the world.

In addition, they will be introduced to a new practical skill—sewing—allowing them to develop creativity, patience and fine motor skills.



Health and Well-being

The children will take part in weekly P.E. lessons on a Tuesday, so please ensure they come to school dressed in their P.E. kit on this day.

We are also hoping to offer regular yoga sessions with Mrs Watts, alongside a range of outdoor learning experiences. As these activities will take place in all weather conditions, please make sure children are dressed appropriately for the outdoors.



The children will enjoy Welly Walks in the local area, as well as visits to the new woodland space in the village. During these sessions, they will explore their surroundings and take part in a variety of engaging, hands-on activities.

As part of our learning around *The Colour Monster*, we will explore how different colours can represent our emotions, and the children will have the opportunity to create their own characters to reflect this.

In addition, the children will take part in Dina School sessions, using our puppets Wally and Dina to explore social stories and everyday situations. These sessions will support the children in developing important life skills, such as problem-solving, managing emotions, building friendships and growing in confidence.



Humanities



During this topic, the children will explore the history of dance and music across a range of cultures, developing an understanding of how these art forms have evolved and are celebrated around the world.

There will be many opportunities for imaginative role play, where children can dress up and explore traditional clothing and costumes from different cultures, helping to deepen their appreciation of diversity.

In Religious Education, we will explore a variety of stories and the meaning behind those stories. The children will also think about what makes places special, both in their own lives and for others. We will introduce key aspects of different faiths, helping the children to develop respect and understanding of different religions and beliefs.



Science and Technology

In Science, the children will learn about plants by planting and growing their own seeds. They will investigate what plants need to grow and will enjoy caring for their plants as they grow. We will also enjoy a colour-mixing experiment, discovering how new colours can be created.

As part of our topic, the children will follow a recipe to prepare a traditional 'bean stew' linked to our book 'Anansi and the Golden Pot', giving them the opportunity to explore and taste food from a different culture.

Through our E-Aware lessons, the children will develop their understanding of online safety, including the importance of creating strong and secure passwords.

In our use of technology, the children will explore a range of tools, including recording their own music when learning about instruments from around the world and using Google Earth to locate countries we are studying.

We will also work alongside our school's Digital Wizards, who will support the children in using LEGO kits to design and build a range of exciting creations.

