



## St David's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Term: Spring 2026

Class/Dosbarth: Reception/Derbyn

Teacher/Athrawes: Mrs Walters

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Additional Support: Miss Mckenna and Miss Jones



Dear/Annwyl parents and guardians,

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and it has been lovely to see the children again all ready to continue on their learning journeys this Spring Term.

We will continue to 'Seize the Season' and explore the joys of Winter and the changes through to Spring. We will also celebrate the many different events which this season brings including St Dwywen's day, St David's day, St Patrick's day and of course we will finish the end of the term full of Easter celebrations!

The information below will give you a general overview of the skills we will explore this term.

### Literacy:

We will continue on our Monster Phonics journey this term. The children will continue to become confident reading initial sounds, 2 and 3 letter words (cv/vc/c-v-c words) and practice the high frequency words. When the children are ready they will begin to learn and read digraph sounds. This is when 2 letters make 1 sound such as 'sh' 'ch' and 'th'. We will continue to learn about sentences and how we need to use finger spaces and full stops as well as making sure our letter formations are the right way round. The children will also be applying their reading and writing skills in activities from stories including 'Stick Man', 'The Snow Thief' and 'Once Upon a Raindrop'.

### Maths:

We will continue to explore number in lots of different ways. We will be looking at being able to count to 20 confidently as well as being able to touch count confidently when objects are not in a straight line. We will continue to build confidence reading numbers and exploring correct number formations up to 20 and for some beyond! We will learn to become more confident recalling 1 more than a number up to 20 as well as exploring addition within 10 further. We will practice recalling 1 less than a number, counting backwards from 20 confidently as well as introducing taking away.

### R.E:

Please see R.E newsletter for our topics this Spring Term.

### Home Learning

**Sounds (Phonics):** The children will all be on their own learning journey with their reading now. The children will receive high frequency words and sounds to practice based on the stage of their reading. If anyone needs any help and support with this then please let us know.

**Reading Books:** From next week please bring in book bags in on Wednesdays and they will be returned on Fridays. Again if anyone needs any help or advice for reading at home then please let us know.

**Maths:** There are many opportunities outside of the classroom in which children can practice their number skills. Take any opportunity to practice counting, reading, and writing numbers with correct formations. Shape and money can also be tricky for your children to learn so do not be afraid to introduce recognising

coins and both 2D and 3D shapes with your child when convenient.

Please do not forget about Maths Seeds I know the children who do access it really enjoy it and love getting the certificates at the end of each half term. If you've lost the login or need any help with it then please ask.

**Topic:** Each half term there will be a home learning bingo with activities linked to the topic. It will be up to you how many you wish to complete. This will be uploaded separately on SeeSaw and on the school website.

**Cymraeg/Welsh:** Our weekly Welsh champion in the class will be able to take our Welsh puppets Fflic a Fflac home for the weekend. In their bag will be a fan of questions we use in class. They will be able to share this with you. You can share your adventures on SeeSaw or in their travelling book.

**Prayer Bear:** A child will be chosen everyday to take home the prayer bear. The prayers are included in the bag with a candle and rosary. Please send us photos and videos of them using them on SeeSaw.

**Catholic Social Teaching:** These will also go home daily with a story and rhyme for you to share together. Please send us photos and videos of them using them on SeeSaw.

## General Information

- **P.E - Tuesdays**

Please make sure they come in appropriate clothing and shoes. P.E may be inside or outside. It would be beneficial to the children **to not wear shoes with laces** on this day in case they have to take them off and put them back on in the hall as we want them to be independent learners. If your child cannot take off and put on their shoes and socks independently then please practice this at home.

- **Book Bags - Children are to bring in their book bags in every Wednesday and will go home on Friday - unless told differently.**

- **Outdoor Learning - Mondays** . We will go out whatever the weather so please ensure that your child has wellies and appropriate clothing for that day. As the weather gets colder they may wish to wear more layers underneath their school t-shirt to help them keep warmer when outside.

- **Show and Tell - Thursdays.** From next week we will also begin 'show and tell' again on Thursdays. Due to the number of children in class this will be on a rota and you will be sent this on SeeSaw.

- **Uniform and Coats** - A polite reminder to make sure all uniform including coats are labelled with your child's name. If they cannot do their zips and buttons independently then please practice with them at home.

- We welcome any spare clothes, particularly underwear and trousers, so if at any point you are doing a closest clear out we will make sure they don't go to waste!

- Please follow us on x/twitter! @stdavidsrc2017 and specific class posts will always have #sdpsrec and also please check out our school website; <https://www.stdavidsprimarycwmbran.com/>

We hope you find this information useful and as always you know you can contact us on Seesaw for any further information or questions.

Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Mrs Walters and the Reception Team