



- Look at how scientist observe animals.
- Use water colour illustration by Beatrix Potter to inspire children to create their own characters and their water colours.
- To study different techniques when sketching and adding shading for effect.
- Utilising Music Express.



- To read a range of books by Melanie Watt about 'Scaredy Squirrel'.
- Children write own books using the same structure as Melanie Watt.
- Non-chronological reports about a British woodland animal.
- Develop ambitious vocabulary using 'The Magpie and the Sparkling Words'.
- Write short poem based on 'Mother Earth is weeping'. Considering the impact of climate change on animals.



- Forest School – Links to our topic, protecting our local areas.
- Gymnastics and Dance – Linked to animal themed music.
- Mindfulness in nature.
- Growth mindset – Understand our brain has elasticity.
- Learning strategies to help us in the classroom.
- Understand the importance of bonfire safety for our wildlife.

Topic/Theme – Why does the UK have diverse habitats?

- Write a biography about Beatrix Potter.
- Create a timeline of the main events of Beatrix Potter's life.
- Identify where animals live on a map of Wales.
- Highlight the importance of the Countryside Code and how Beatrix Potter protected wildlife through her charity work.

- Place value – Partitioning, ordering, comparing, reading numbers up to 10,000.
- Addition strategies – Mental and written methods. Using number bonds to 10 to assist mental maths.
- Subtraction strategies - Mental and written methods. Using number bonds to 10 to assist mental maths.
- Measure lengths and mass. Comparison of animals in a woodland habitat.
- Look at climate and rainfall graphs in the UK and the impact that climate has on temperate woodlands.

- Identify and sort living and non-living things.
- Identify British plants and animals.
- Research an animal that lives in a temperate woodland.
- Draw and label the life cycle of a woodland animal using scientific vocabulary.
- Sort using a branch diagram to identify different animals based on physical criteria.
- Look at what makes a habitat a good place to live.



Year 4 Parent Planner



Autumn Term 2026/27



Pentrepoeth Primary School

Our Parent Planner

Our bespoke 'Challenge' curriculum aims to ensure children have a wide range of teaching and learning experiences and activities to enable children to maximise their potential and to support the four purposes as the foundation of everything they learn. This parent planner aims to give you an overview of the main areas of learning and experiences children will focus on in this topic as well as develop and apply their literacy, numeracy and digital competence skills across the curriculum.

How you can help at home

- 10 minutes of reading everyday (Complete reading record once a week).
- Supporting Mathletics and Abacus – while also practising times tables.
- Promoting creativity, innovation, thinking, planning and organisational skills through project work.
- Discuss safe internet use for research purposes while ensuring your children are safe online.

Home Learning

- Use plasticene or clay to make a 3D model of a woodland animal.
- Create a diorama of a woodland habitat including plants and animals.
- Research a woodland animal of your choice.
- Create a book/PowerPoint based on the animal you researched.
- Take photographs or draw pictures to show the animals and plants you have seen on your walks.

Useful Links

- Maths- Complete tasks set on Mathletics <https://login.mathletics.com/>
- Practise your times tables and division facts on Hit the Button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Reading- Read some books on Bug Club <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>
- Welsh- Practise your Welsh by playing some games <https://www.learn-welsh.net/welshgames> & Practise your Welsh Placemat on our website
- Explore BBC Bitesize for any additional activities. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zncsscw/year-6-and-p7-lessons>
- Log into Hwb to access Just2Easy <https://hwb.gov.wales/>