

Wild Wales

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Progression Step 2



Why Am I Learning This?

The Wild Wales topic gives learners an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the country in which they live. Through exploring Wales's diverse landscapes, wildlife, habitats, history, culture and people, children can begin to appreciate what makes Wales a unique and special place. The topic encourages learners to look closely at their own environment, ask questions, investigate evidence and make connections between the natural world and the people who live within it. It provides rich opportunities for children to develop their sense of cynefin—their connection to their local environment, community and Wales. The topic also provides rich literacy opportunities across reading, writing and oracy. Children can explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to Wales.



Key Questions

- What makes a place wild?
- What makes Wales special?
- What plants and animals live in Wild Wales?
- How have Welsh landscapes changed over time?
- How are mountains, forests, rivers, coast lands and wetlands different to those around the World?
- Why does a particular plant or animal live in a particular habitat?
- How do plants and animals depend on each other?
- How does weather affect the land?
- How have people changed the Welsh landscape?
- How do people use the land in Wales?
- Why is there a dragon on the Welsh flag?
- Who has helped to shape Wales?
- Who could have a place in the wild Wales hall of fame?

Learning Journey

This term, through our Wild Wales topic, learners will develop their understanding of Wales as a place with a rich natural environment, history, culture and identity.

Science

We will look at how we can understand and protect the living things of Wild Wales, thinking of living things, their habitats, adaptation, interdependence, human impact and conservation.

Art

We will be looking at the work of Welsh artist Mary Lloyd Jones and discussing how can we use colour, shape and marks to show what Wales means to us.

Digital Competency

Learners will develop digital competence through the use of technology to research Welsh landscapes and wildlife, collect and represent data, communicate and collaborate with others safely online and consider how to use online information and other people's digital work responsibly.

Music & Movement

We will listen to and appreciate old and modern Welsh music. creating our own Welsh soundscape music and dance, reflecting the land and nature around us.

Literacy

Literacy will be woven throughout Wild Wales topic, providing meaningful opportunities to develop reading, writing and oracy skills through Welsh contexts. We will explore a range of Welsh short stories, myths and legends. Learners will also explore information texts, learning to locate, select and organise information and use features of information writing. Oracy will be developed through discussion and presentations, enabling children to share ideas, ask questions and listen to different viewpoints. Thus, Literacy becomes a meaningful way for children to explore Welsh culture, language and identity, while developing their confidence as readers, writers and communicators. Handwriting to focus on correct formation in cursive style.

Welsh - Work on Year 3 sentence patterns, developing listening skills, oracy and confidence.

Numeracy

Read and write numbers to 1000. Compare and estimate with numbers up to 100. Use mental strategies to recall number facts within 20. Recall 2,5,10 + 11 times tables, use to solve multiplication and division problems. Use halves and quarters. Find differences within 100. Use mental strategies to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. Recognise perimeter is the distance around a shape. Find areas by counting squares. Take temperature readings. Use 4 compass points to describe directions. Represent data using: lists, tally charts, tables and diagrams. Represent data using: Pictograms where 1 symbol represents more than 1 unit using key. Extract and interpret information from charts, timetables, diagrams and graphs.

Literacy & Numeracy

Learn, have fun and reach for the stars!