

The Benefits of speaking Welsh

- A child who is able to speak two languages is able to mix and communicate with a wider variety of people, and therefore have a more diverse social life.
- The ability to speak Welsh will also enable your child to benefit from the broader horizons provided by the enjoyment of two cultures.
- Being fluent in both Welsh and English gives young people in Wales an enormous advantage when they enter the job market.

Welsh Nursery Rhymes

I have made a booklet of welsh nursery rhymes, some basic which you will already know and some new which will encourage us as practitioners to learn and develop our welsh language skills while teaching them to the children.

The benefits of Welsh nursery rhymes:

- Understanding basic welsh language
- Improving memory skills
- Learning new welsh words through the enjoyment of music
- Helping children to develop the confidence to speak in welsh
- Introducing children to the sound and meaning of words



Beth sy yn y bocs?

An example of this activity is to help children to learn their colours in welsh.

We had 9 different coloured flowers in a box which we passed around at circle time and each child picked out a flower.

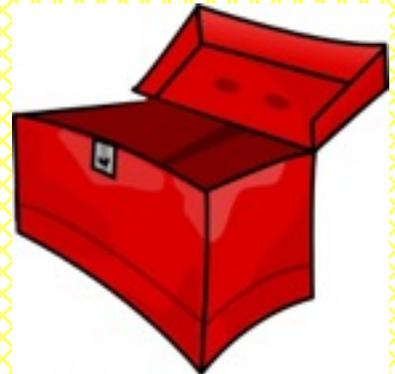
We said the colour in English and then translated it to welsh.

After repeating this activity the children had an activity sheet with four flowers to colour. They chose what four colours they would like to colour them naming them in both English and Welsh.

The Rangers extended their learning writing/ overwriting the colours in the box underneath independently.

Key Skills:

- Understand basic instructions
- Speak clearly; words greetings and expressions



Rhannau o flodyn (Parts of a flower)

Staying on the topic of flowers we extended the learning by teaching the children the three main parts of a flower in welsh. These parts were:

Stem > Coesyn

Leaf > Deilen

Petal > Petal

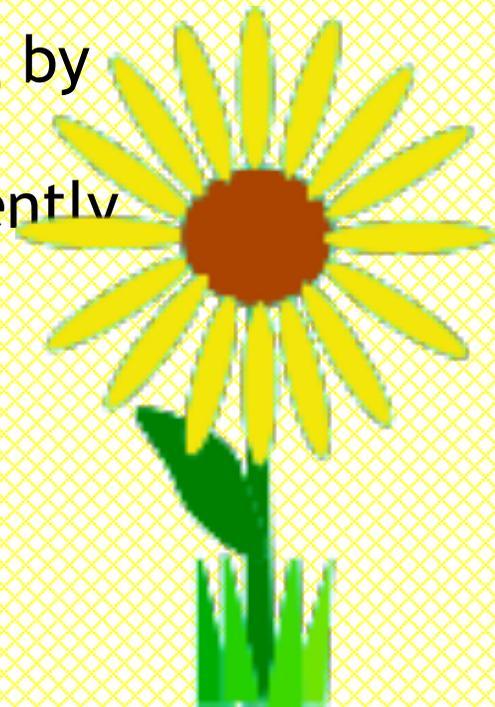
At circle time we reinforced each part of the flower in welsh. The children would stick the label on the correct part of the flower.

After taking turns at this during circle time we continued the learning by doing activity sheets.

These contained parts of the flower and the children could independently cut out the labels and stick them onto the right part of the flower.

Key skills:

- Understand basic instructions and words in welsh
- Speak clear words
- Develop fine motor skills
- Develop confidence



Body part activity

- This activity will encourage children to understand the different parts of the body in welsh.
- I made a cut out of a person and I would discuss what the body part was in welsh and the children would match the label to the corresponding body part.
- The nursery rhyme 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' in welsh also helps children to know their body parts



I have made different cut out cards that we can use at circle time and when doing activities. Some of these are:

Number cards 1-20

Shapes

Body parts

The weather

Everyday foods

Emotions

Basic welsh words

These can be used in daily activities. For example if you are doing a maths activity you can use the number cards to help the children understand their numbers in welsh.