

Autumn term resource

The Pori Drwy Stori My Weather Watch Calendar Activities: Teacher Guide

The resource

This year's **My Weather Watch Calendar** is an interactive **ONLINE** resource, available to all families in your Reception class as part of the Pori Drwy Stori Programme run by **BookTrust Cymru**. You can print resources to send home or share them as digital resources.



Benefits for families

My Weather Watch Calendar activities can be introduced in class and used at home. Encouraging parents and carers to use the activities to observe and talk about the weather, seasons, days and months can have many benefits:

- Children can develop their understanding of time and sequencing.
- Children develop vocabulary and recall activities over the week.
- Families can revisit rhymes from The Rhyme Challenge e.g. *The Seasons* and *Dwi'n Hoffi*.
- Using the calendar can increase parents' and carers' confidence and spark new ideas for ways to support numeracy at home.

Introduce My Weather Watch Calendar activities

- Make sure you introduce My Weather Watch Calendar activities in class to build excitement before sending the resource home. **You could discuss and record the weather together during circle time.**
- Communicate to families that the resource is part of Pori Drwy Stori, a home-school learning programme run by BookTrust Cymru.
- Encourage families to share rhymes, songs and stories about the weather. **They could share the stories on the My Weather Watch web page and use rhymes from the Pori Drwy Stori Rhyme Challenge or make up their own!**

My Weather Watch Calendar activities

- Remind parents, carers and children to complete their My Weather Watch Calendar activities during half term. **You could use social media, email and text reminders before and after the half term holiday.**
- Invite children to show their work from home to the class or in small groups. This could be on printed sheets or by using a tablet or computer to share digital files. **You could ask them to share pictures they've drawn or photos they've taken.**
- Create a class graph to record and display the types of weather recorded by the children in their My Weather Watch Calendars. **You could use the graph for numeracy related discussions in class.**
- Award children with the certificate provided on the My Weather Watch web page. You can print the certificates or fill them in and share them digitally.

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