

St. David's Day Teaching Ideas

Day 1 – Understanding the Story

Lesson Aims

- I can explore and share my ideas
- I can ask and answer questions.
- I can use my imagination and show empathy towards a character.

Ask the children what they already know about St. David's Day. Ask various questions, e.g. Why do we celebrate it? Who celebrates St. David's Day? How do we celebrate it?

Give the children a copy of the [St. David's Day KWL](#). They can either write individually or the sheet could be enlarged and the children could write their ideas on sticky notes to stick on the grid.

Groups can present their KWL grids to the rest of the class or, if working individually, the children could present their ideas to a partner.

Tell the children about the life of Saint David using the [Saint David PowerPoint](#).

Explain to the children that they will be hot-seating Saint David, which means using their imagination to 'step into' a character. Either the teacher or one of the children can pretend they are Saint David, or another character from the story. The children can ask questions to the character in the hot seat. Encourage the children to ask open questions. The character in the hot seat uses his/her imagination to express their feelings.

To encourage the children to use key words related to the story, use the [St. David's Day Word Mat](#) to support children.

Day 2 – Letter Writing

Lesson Aims

- I can write an informal letter and show awareness of the audience.

Show examples of informal letters. Why do people write informal letters? When would people write formal letters? What are the features of a good informal letter?

Explain to the children that they need to imagine that they are Saint David and that they are writing a letter to his mother, St. Non, describing the monastery or a letter to Paulinus about the activities he carries out. The children can use the [Saint David Letter Writing Template](#) to make their letters look more historic.

The children can use the [informal letter checklist resource](#) to proofread their work.

Day 3 – Decorations

Lesson Aims

- I can explore ideas, produce creative work and evaluate a finished product.

Explain that as a class, you are going to organise a St. David's Day party. In groups, ask the class to write what will be needed for the party. Explain that there needs to be decorations at a party. Ask children to suggest possible decorations for a St. David's Day party. Encourage them to consider the amount of time it would take to make, where the decorations will go and how to create the best effect. Give children the opportunity to design some of their own decorations. The children can then evaluate their own decorations. They can also use the [**Simple 3D St. David's Day Leek Paper Craft**](#) or [**St. David's Day Daffodil Paper Craft**](#).

Day 4 – Party Food

Lesson Aims

- I can shop for party food and drinks, keeping in mind preferences and a budget.
- I can add numbers mentally or using formal written methods.

What do you like to eat and drink at parties? Create a class list comprising savoury food, sweet food and drinks.

Set a budget for each group. (The savoury group's budget may be higher than the dessert group's budget.) Taking into consideration what the class members like to eat and drink at parties, explain that each group needs to make a list of what could be bought using an online supermarket website as a pricing guide. Make sure the children are aware that they will not be placing any orders. Each group must then feed back to the rest of the class with their list and costings.

Teacher note: Keep in mind any food or drink restrictions, allergies or intolerances that children or adults may have in your school. You may need to seek school and/or parental permission before baking and consuming party food and drink. Before preparing food, please make sure hands are washed and surfaces are clean.

Day 5 – St. David's Day Chefs

Lesson Aims

- I can follow instructions to cook food.
- I can weigh ingredients using grams and kilograms.

Choose a typical St. David's Day recipe to prepare, such as the [**St. David's Day Leek Soup Recipe**](#) and the [**Welsh Cake Recipe**](#).

Give the children time to read through the instructions and the ingredients. Allow time for the children to measure the ingredients in pairs using kitchen scales.

Follow the instructions and enjoy these tasty treats!