

# Swansea City Educational Resource Pack



**A range of activities to use with Key Stage 2**

## **About the Swansea City Educational Resource Pack**

This educational resource pack has been designed by Swansea University History students to help promote the centenary and history of Swansea City Football Club. The pack includes fun and interesting activities from various subject areas such as History, English, Maths, Geography and ICT. Lesson plans for each activity are included at the back of the pack, as well as blank activity sheets which are to be used with certain activities.

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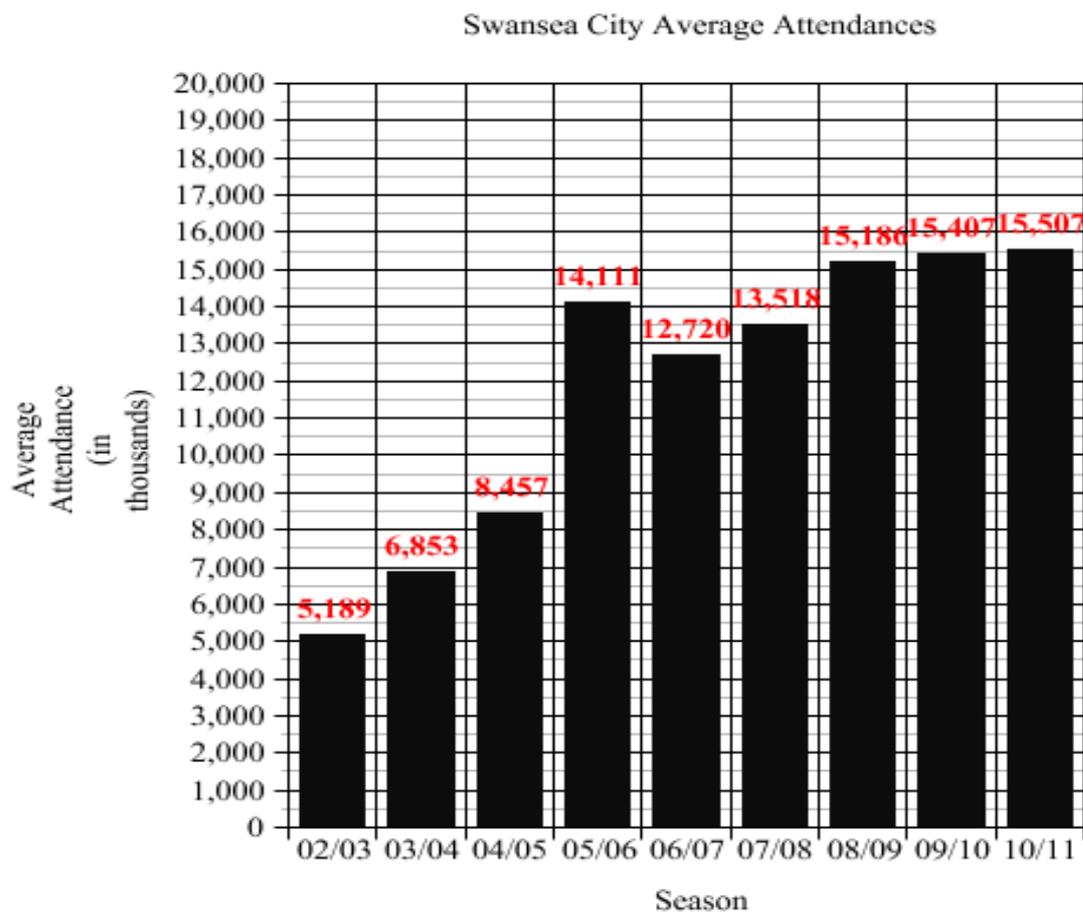


## Swansea City FC Graph Activity

The football calendar is divided into seasons rather than years. Seasons run from August in one year to May in the next. The season that began in August 2002 and ended in May 2003 is called the 02/03 season.

### Task 1

Below is a bar graph showing Swansea City's Average Attendance for each season in the period 2002 to 2011. Attendance means the number of people who went to watch a game.



- 1) Which season had the highest attendance average?
- 2) Which season had the lowest attendance average?
- 3) What does the bar graph show about Swansea City's average league attendance in this period?
- 4) The 2005-6 season saw Swansea move from their old stadium, which was called the Vetch Field, to a new stadium called the Liberty. How did that affect the number of people who went to matches?

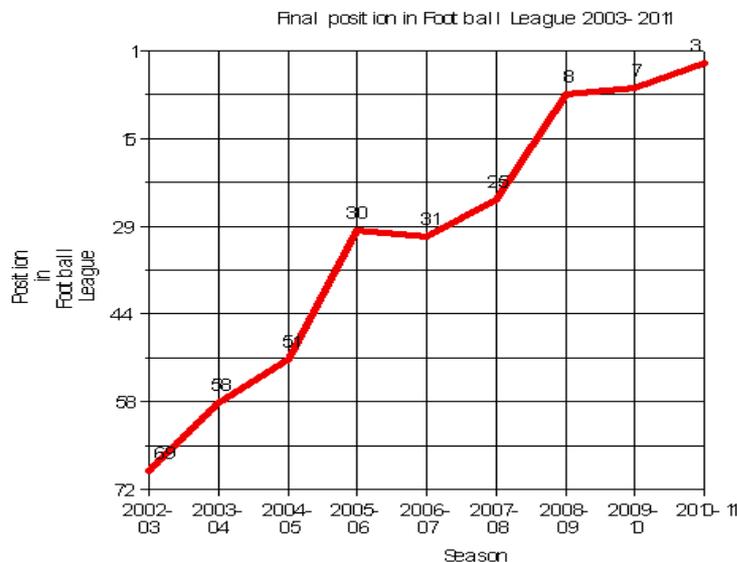
## Task 2

Round each season's average attendance to the nearest: 10, 100 and 1000: The first one is done for you.

	Actual	Rounded to nearest 10	Rounded to nearest 100	Rounded to nearest 1000
<b>2002-03</b>	5189	5190	5200	5000
<b>2003-04</b>	6853			
<b>2004-05</b>	8457			
<b>2005-06</b>	14111			
<b>2006-07</b>	12720			
<b>2007-08</b>	13518			
<b>2008-09</b>	15180			
<b>2009-10</b>	15407			
<b>2010-11</b>	15507			

## Task 3

The graph below is a line graph which shows which position Swansea City finished in the Football League in the same period.



1. In which season did Swansea City finish in the highest position in this period?
2. When you look at bar graph and the line graph together, do they show about the relationship between average attendances and the position a team finishes in the league?

## The move to The Liberty Stadium Activity

**Fill in the missing words. Use the box at the bottom of the page to choose which words to use.**

Swansea \_\_\_\_\_ AFC moved \_\_\_\_\_ The Vetch \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sandfields area to the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in Landore. Swansea City AFC played at their earlier ground between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

People living near the Liberty Stadium have to put up with \_\_\_\_\_ traffic on match days and there are \_\_\_\_\_ spaces to park their \_\_\_\_\_. The football crowds are good for local \_\_\_\_\_. Many fans choose to go to restaurants and \_\_\_\_\_ near the Stadium.

Near the Vetch Field, the fast food shops and pubs do not make as much \_\_\_\_\_ as they used to when the club played there. Lots of businesses in the area have \_\_\_\_\_ since the Swans \_\_\_\_\_. However, some residents in the \_\_\_\_\_ area are glad the Swans have moved to because there is \_\_\_\_\_ traffic on Saturdays and it's \_\_\_\_\_ for them to park their car.

Since \_\_\_\_\_ moved to the Liberty Stadium in 2005, more \_\_\_\_\_ have been able to see them play because the Liberty is a \_\_\_\_\_ stadium than the Vetch Field. This means that \_\_\_\_\_ public transport such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to get fans to the games.

### **Words to use:**

bigger buses businesses cars city closed easier extra fans fewer  
Field from less Liberty money more moved pubs queues 1912 2005  
Sandfields simple Stadium Swansea trains city

**Do you think the move to the Liberty has been a good thing?**

## Comprehension Activity



Swansea City are a football team who usually wear white when they play their home games at the Liberty Stadium. The club moved to the Liberty from the Vetch Field where they played until 2005.

When the club was formed in 1912, it was known as Swansea Town, and it kept that name until 1969. The club won a trophy in its very first season, the Welsh Cup.

The club is affectionately known as 'The Swans' and its supporters are sometimes known as 'Swansea Jacks,' despite the fact that nobody is exactly sure why.

Swansea City have had some famous players in the past including the likes of Ivor Allchurch, Robbie James, Frank Lampard, Lee Trundle and Scott Sinclair. Ivor Allchurch is perhaps Swansea's most famous player. There is a statue of him outside the Liberty Stadium. He played 435 times for Swansea!

Swansea has a very fierce rivalry with Cardiff City who are another team in Wales. Not many people know, however, that it hasn't always been like this. Before the Second World War, some people supported both teams and many people in south Wales liked to see all Welsh teams do well.

Swansea were promoted to the Premier League in 2011 after beating Reading in a playoff final at Wembley.

### **Comprehension Questions**

1. In which year was Swansea Town formed?
2. Where did Swansea City play their home games before they played at the Liberty Stadium?
3. What did the club win in its first season?
4. Name three former Swansea players.
5. What are Swansea City fans sometimes known as?
6. In which year did Swansea Town become Swansea City?
7. Who are Swansea's fiercest rivals?

### **Look Online: Can you find the answer to these questions?**

1. Who has made the most appearances ever for Swansea?
2. What was the score when Swansea beat Reading in the 2011 Play-Off Final?
3. Who is the official mascot of Swansea City?

## Making Swansea City's History Activity Part 1



**Research the history of the club on the internet and fill in the missing words using the box at the bottom of the page.**

Swansea City A.F.C. was founded in \_\_\_\_ and joined the Football League in \_\_\_\_ .  
Until 2005 they played at the Vetch \_\_\_\_.

Before 1969, the club was called Swansea \_\_\_\_\_. It changed its name after Swansea was made a \_\_\_\_\_.

Supporters of the club are known as Swansea \_\_\_\_\_. Many people believe the term comes from the life-saving \_\_\_\_\_ Swansea Jack.

Ivor \_\_\_\_\_ is the leading scorer for Swansea with 146 league goals.

Swansea's biggest rivalry is with \_\_\_\_\_ City.

The club's official mascot is called \_\_\_\_ the Swan. He is named after a famous player called \_\_\_\_\_ Pearce.

The 2011 season saw Swansea promoted to the Premier League for the first time with a 4-2 play-off final win over \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Match these words with the sentences above:**

Norwich City, Danny Graham, Cat, Cybil, Town, Gary, Field, Dog, City, Arsenal, 1921, Liberty Stadium, Jacks, Allchurch, Cyril, 2011, Cardiff, Million, Alan Tate, Reading, Field, Park, 1912

\*Hint\* There are more words than needed!

## Making Swansea City's History Activity Part 2



### **Are the following ten statements true or false?**

1. Swansea are the only Welsh team in the English Football League. . . . .
2. Swansea played at The Vetch Field until 2005. . . . .
3. Brendan Rodgers used to be the Swansea Goalkeeper. . . . .
4. There is a statue of former player Ivor Allchurch outside the Liberty Stadium ...
5. Swansea's biggest rivals are Newport County. . . . .
6. Leon Britton played in the Premier League for Swansea. . . . .
7. Swansea play their home games in 'The Liberty football ground'. . . . .
8. Swansea are the first Welsh team in the Premier League. . . . .

### **Are the following statements opinion or fact?**

1. Swansea City play the best football in Britain.
2. Swansea City are a football team in Wales.
3. Swansea City used to play at the Vetch Field.
4. Swansea City wear white shirts when they play at home.
5. Swansea City are worse than Manchester United.
6. Swansea City are better than Cardiff City.

## Five Senses Activity

<u>Sight</u>	<u>Hearing</u>	<u>Scent</u>	<u>Touch</u>	<u>Taste</u>
				

### A day at a Swansea City football match Reported by Tom age 9 from Swansea

On Saturday 29 October 2011 at 1.30pm I went to watch Swansea City versus Bolton at the Liberty Stadium. I was very excited to go to the Liberty because I had never been there before. When we arrived at the stadium, there were thousands of people, hundreds of cars and some restaurants next to it. I could smell the burgers being cooked inside! I had a fizzy drink before we went into the stadium. We found our seats which were made of plastic and cold and hard!

The game started at 3.00pm and it took 48 minutes for Swansea to score a goal. When they scored my dad and I shouted 'yeahhh!' and there was a huge roar in the stadium from the Swansea fans. Swansea then scored again from a penalty, making the score 2-0. However, Swansea then scored an own goal making the game 2-1.

I was very anxious at this point as Swansea could lose the game. I was not anxious for long as Swansea scored again! The whistle went after 90 minutes and Swansea had won 3-1, there was a huge cheer in the Stadium from Swansea fans. After the game, Dad and I celebrated the win by going for a pizza. It was delicious!



Read Tom's report in write in below what he did with his senses

Sight	Hearing	Scent	Touch	Taste
				

## History Weighing Scales Activity



On 28 July 1914 Britain, France and Russia entered a war against Germany and Austria-Hungry. This was known as World War One. Thousands of men from Britain were called upon to join the army to fight for their country. Football teams still carried on playing football matches during the war. Members of the public were shocked and angry to see that football teams did not give up their men to help to help the war effort. It was seen as disrespectful to the soldiers who were fighting in the war.

**Here some views on football's decision to carry on playing football.**

### **A national newspaper**

There is no excuse for footballers to carry on playing football whist there is a war going on. It's not right that fit young men are playing football when they could be in the army.

### **Swansea Town director**

Swansea football club are losing huge amounts of money due to attendances at matches dropping. People are being made to feel guilty about going to games.

### **Swansea Town player**

I love playing for my home town and I do not want to give football up.

### **Soldier**

We need as many men we can possibly get to come and help us fight for our country.

### **Swansea Town Fan**

I enjoy going to see Swansea City play and it helps take my mind off of the war.

### **The FA (Football Association) spokesperson**

Lots of players have already joined the army. It's up to the players if they want to go to war or carry on playing.

### **Letter to a local newspaper**

People should be helping Britain win the war, not having fun at a football game. Fans who go and see their team play during the war are letting their country down.

**Question: Should Swansea Town carry on playing football during the war?**

**Should Swansea City have played football during World War One?**



**Reasons for**

**Reasons against**

## Swansea City football kits through the years activity



2011-12



1980s



1940s



1970s

1. Which shirt is the oldest?
2. List three things that only the 2011-12 shirt has.
3. List one thing that only the 1940s shirt has?
4. Why do you think the 1970s shirt is a different colour?

## Away Games Maths Activity



When Swansea play away their fans have to travel a long way to watch their favourite team. In the table below is a selection of away games. Use the information in the table to help you answer the six questions. Use the remember box if you get stuck!

### **Selection of Away Games Played by Swansea City in the Premiership 2011-2012**

Fixture Date	Team Playing	Distance from Swansea	Time taken by Car
15 August 2011	Manchester City	233 miles	04:00 hours
24 September 2011	Chelsea	185 miles	03:00 hours
5 November 2011	Liverpool	178 miles	03:30 hours
17 November 2011	Newcastle	358 miles	06:00 hours
2 January 2012	Aston Villa	155 miles	02:30 hours
26 February 2012	Stoke	191 miles	03:00 hours

#### **Remember**

60 minutes =  
1 hour

30 minutes =  
half an hour

For example

03:30 hours =  
3 hours 30  
minutes

#### **Questions:**

- 1) Which game was the furthest away in distance from Swansea?
- 2) Which game was the closest in distance to Swansea?
- 3) Which game took the shortest amount of time to get there by car?
- 4) Which game was the second furthest away game in distance from Swansea?
- 5) If a Swansea City fan travelled to watch Swansea play Aston Villa and then travelled back to Swansea how far in distance would they have travelled?
- 6) If a Swansea City fan travelled to watch Swansea play Liverpool, and then travelled back to Swansea, how long would it take by car?

## Swansea City Match Report



Write a report of an imaginary match involving Swansea City. It can be against anyone you like and anything you want can happen. You need to describe what happened for your reader. Try and make it as exciting as you can.

### **Points to include**

Who was playing?

What day did the game take place?

What was the weather like?

What was the result of the game?

Was the result a surprise?

Were the crowd loud?

How big was the crowd?

Who scored the goals in the match?

Who were the best players?

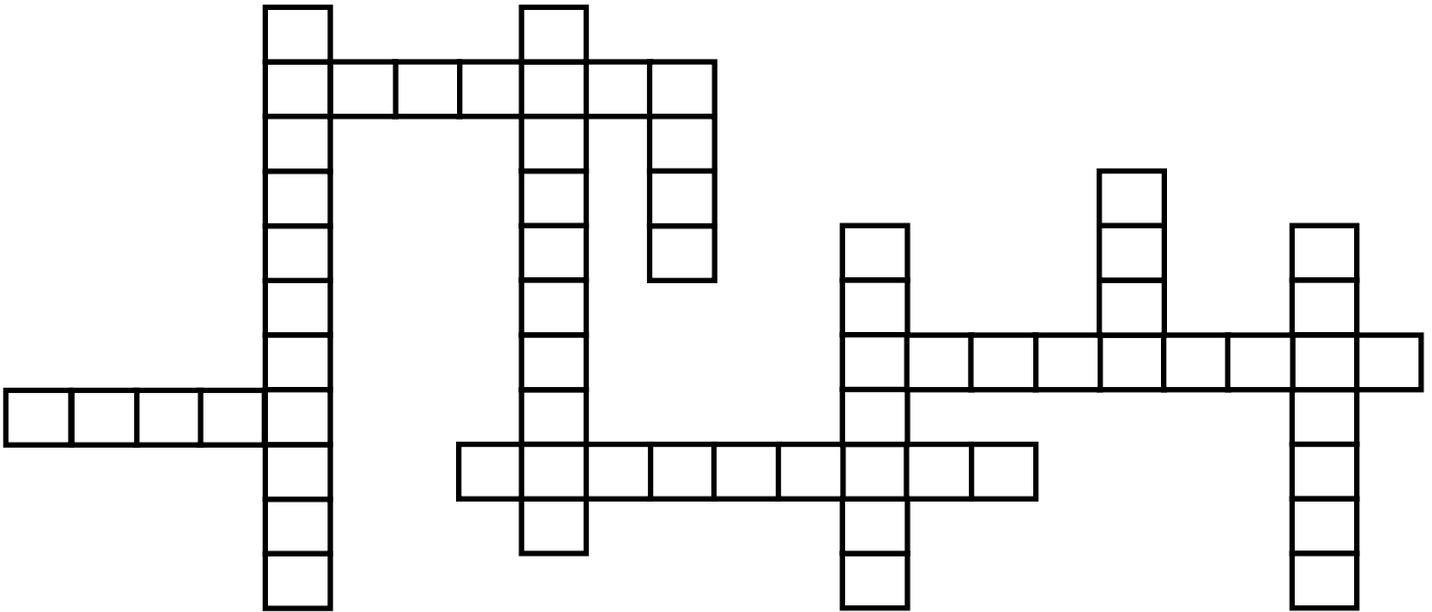
What colours were the teams playing in?

Was it an exciting match?

### **Words and phrases you could use**

Thrilling	Spectacular	Terrible
Shot	Red Card	Yellow Card
Goal	Best team	Goal keeper
Crowd	Off side	First half
Save	Full time	Fast

## Swansea City Crossword



Put the words in bold into the above crossword. Each word will only fit in one place!

### Down

The top division is sometimes called the **Premiership (11)**

The name of Swansea City's old ground is the **Vetch Field (5,5)**

The Club Mascot is Cyril The **Swan (4)**

The name of the Swans' stadium is the **Liberty (7)**

Swansea used to have a captain called Gary **Monk (4)**

Swansea City's rivals are **Cardiff City (7)**

### Across

Swansea City's nickname is the **Swans (5)**

Swansea's all-time top goal scorer is Ivor Allchurch **(9)**

Swansea beat **Blackburn** Rovers 1-0 in a famous 1915 FA Cup game **(9)**

Swansea once had a manager called Brendan **Rodgers (7)**

## **Teacher Notes for all activities**

### **Swansea City Graph Activity**

This exercise is designed to get pupils used to using both bar and line graphs and extracting data from them. It is also a valuable way of teaching pupils how to round up to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. It shows how Swansea City's attendances have risen in correlation with their climb up the leagues, from just over 5,000 at The Vetch Field in 2002-03 to over 15,500 eight years later at The Liberty Stadium.

### **The Move to The Liberty Stadium**

This exercise is designed to help pupils explore how relocation of a football club can affect the local communities in both areas. Swansea City FC played at The Vetch Field from 1912-2005. They then moved to their present home ground The Liberty Stadium in Landore, roughly 2.5 miles from The Vetch. This exercise is designed to get pupils to understand the effect that their local Football Club has on the community. It might be preceded by a classroom discussion of the issues.

### **Comprehension Activity**

This is a comprehension activity about the history of Swansea City FC. Encourage the pupils to read the text in full once before reading the questions. Full sentences are not always necessary in this exercise, the locating of independent information is most crucial. Certain questions are phrased differently to how they are worded in the text; this is to help encourage pupils to think outside the box. The task will also help pupils with the basic information needed for the history activities.

### **Making Swansea City's History Activity Part 1 and Part 2**

The making Swansea History activity is a fun and simple double task that tests the pupils knowledge of Swansea City AFC in several 'fill in the blanks' type facts on the Swans. Setting a time limit of 5-10 minutes makes the pupils concentrate to get the task complete before moving on to the next task. After the 'fill in the blanks' task, pupils can be tested with a true or false quiz again with a set time limit to ensure concentration is kept. The final task tests pupils' ability to distinguish between opinion and fact. The final two questions could be used to discuss what is meant by better or worse.

### **Five Senses Activity**

Pupils will read and interpret the text and pictures about a Swansea football match. They will then use the five senses sheet to record what Tom saw, heard, felt, smelt and tasted at the game. This can either be a group activity or an individual activity.

### **History Weighing Scales Activity**

Pupils will read the text about football and World War One. They will read different views on the impact of World War One on football. Using the weighing scales pupils will argue for and against Swansea City football team's decision to carry on playing football during World War One. Under moral and financial pressure all professional clubs stopped playing in 1915.

