St. David was born in the sixth century and is known as Dewi Sant in Wales. His birth place is thought to be near the Welsh town of St. Davids.

Dewi Sant is the patron saint of Wales. Because he died on 1st March, this day is celebrated throughout Wales as St. David’s Day. It is claimed that he lived for over a hundred years.

St. David was a Celtic monk, an abbot and later a bishop. He helped to spread Christianity across Britain and beyond. He is perhaps most famous for the miracle he performed whilst preaching to the people. According to legend, there were so many people that they could not see and hear St. David. He is thought to have laid a handkerchief on the ground and stood on it, upon which a hill rose up beneath him and all the people around could see and hear his preaching.

Welsh people celebrate St. David’s Day with parades, concerts and other festivities. Many women and girls wear the traditional Welsh costume which consists of a long woollen skirt, a woollen shawl, a white blouse and a welsh hat.

There are two national emblems of Wales: the leek (cennin) and the daffodil (cennin Pedr). People often wear these on their costumes or clothing.

St. David was a great lover of water and he is sometimes referred to as ‘the waterman’. According to his biographer, Rhigyfarch, who wrote *The Life of Saint David*, he ate mostly bread and herbs. He was particularly fond of watercress.
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Answer the following questions using sentences.

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Design a card for St. David's Day using the boxes below.

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Answer sheet

1. What is the Welsh name for St. Davids?
   The Welsh name for St David is Dewi Sant.

2. Where and when was St. David born?
   St David was born near St. Davids in Wales.

3. Why is St. David also known as ‘the waterman’?
   He is known as ‘the waterman’ for his love of water.

4. Who wrote the biography The Life of Saint David?
   Rhigyfarch wrote the biography of St David.

5. What miracle is St. David known for while preaching?
   St David is known for the miracle of the ground rising beneath him into a hill, so that the whole congregation could see and hear him.

6. What are the names of the Welsh national emblems in English and in Welsh?
   The names of the national emblems are the leek (cennin) and the daffodil (cennin Pedr).

7. Describe the costume that Welsh women sometimes wear.
   Welsh women sometimes wear a long woollen skirt, a white blouse, a Welsh hat and a woollen shawl.

8. On what day did St. David die?
   St David died on 1st March.

9. What did St. David become after being a monk?
   After being a monk, St David became an abbot and then a bishop.

10. What did St. David like to eat?
    St David liked to eat bread and herbs, especially watercress.