

# Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi 2020 – 2021

## The Development Phase



Years 3, 4 and 5

Development phase consists of years 3-5 (pupils from age 7-10)

**Classes:**

**Porthclais:** Year 3 & 4 mixed (Mrs Bramley - Head of Phase)

**Porthmawr:** Year 3 & 4 mixed (Mr Jones)

**Porthlysgi:** Year 5 (Miss Forrest)

**Subjects:**

**Work in the development phase is based on the following areas of learning and experience (AOLE):**

- Literacy, Languages and Communication
- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Humanities and Religious Education
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology

We plan thematically on a topic so all learning experiences are blended and all learning fits together. We are currently implementing a different style of teaching called Mantle of the Expert, where pupils learn through a dramatic enquiry based approach. Pupils are given a stimulus through drama, which offers a problem, which the pupils then work collectively as a team to solve. Additionally we try to spend at least one day a week learning outdoors in our fantastic grounds, forest area or local environment.

**Values/Rules**

As members of a Church school we focus on different Christian values each term. These are outlined below and form the basis of our pastoral support and Christian teaching over the year.

Autumn 1 – Local - Caring	Autumn 2- Local - Faith	Spring 1- National - Mindful	Spring 2- National - Belief	Summer 1 – Global - Openess	Summer 2- Global - Respectful
Friendship Generosity Compassion	Hope Thankfulness Humility	Creativity Wisdom Perseverance	Trust Peace Courage	Truthful Justice Forgiveness	Respect and Reverence Service Justice

We also have 3 school rules which pupils use to guide them throughout the school day which are:

**Ready, Respectful, Safe**

## How you can support school and your child

- **Sign up to Class dojo**

It is vital to the wellbeing and progress of all pupils that there are clear lines of communication between home and school. We appreciate that parents know their children better than we do and that they are their primary educators, which is why we ask you to support us in working together positively to support pupils. We can always be contacted on class dojo or a message left with admin (**01437 809200**) and of course should you need to speak to us face to face we can arrange appointments or you can catch us informally at school pick up time. We are here to help with anything you wish to discuss (positive or negative) so please keep us posted! Please keep an eye out for letters and dojo messages from us too.

- **Reading/Homework**

Literacy skills form the basis of so much pupil learning that it is vital pupils read regularly at home as well as at school. We expect pupils to read several times a week (preferably daily) as part of their homework and encourage families to enjoy reading and discussing stories as part of a regular routine. For your information, St Davids library is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. Please support your child in completing all homework.

- **Practise Numeracy skills & Times tables**

So much incidental learning can be done at home to develop mathematical skills e.g. practise times tables in the car (a minute or two a day all adds up), ask pupils to help weigh items when cooking, work out length of car journeys and tell the time.

- **Welsh**

If you speak Welsh please practise speaking incidental Welsh (and reading books when possible) with your children. If you don't please encourage them to teach you patterns they are learning in school to develop their (and your) confidence. Duolingo is an excellent free app too which we encourage all our pupils to use! Diolch yn fawr iawn!

- **Please ensure full uniform is wore and named**

Please wear full school uniform. Our cloakrooms are crowded and it is easy to mislay items/jumpers...but easy to return them if they are named!

- **We are what we eat**

Only whole fruit and vegetables may be eaten at break times and we request healthy balanced lunchboxes that will help pupils maintain their energy levels and concentration. We also encourage pupils to drink water only (or water infusions) to promote good dental hygiene.

- **Outdoor project/Clubs**

We will continue working weekly in our outdoor areas this year, particularly the forest area and we would be grateful for any support in keeping these areas tidy– there will be continual working parties organised throughout the year. Likewise, if you would like to run a gardening (or any other) club please get in touch!

I hope you have found this information sheet useful. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school.



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