

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi 2020 – 2021

The Foundation Phase



Nursery & Reception

The Foundation Phase in Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi strives to provide a welcoming, caring, safe and engaging environment for all children and parents who are or become part of our school community.

What is the Foundation Phase?

The Foundation Phase is a developmental curriculum for children aged three to seven in Wales. This phase is about developing a solid base of knowledge and skills for your child to develop throughout their school life. It encourages creativity, imagination, independence, decision-making, thinking and exploration. It makes learning fun and gives children the opportunity to learn through practical activities appropriate to their developmental stage.

What is my child learning?

The existing Foundation Phase has seven areas of learning, which are delivered through stimulating, structured activities and practical experiences both indoors and out.

1. Personal and Social Development, Well-being and Cultural Diversity.
2. Language, Literacy and Communication
3. Mathematical Development
4. Welsh Language Development
5. Knowledge and Understanding of the World
6. Physical Development
7. Creative Development

Alongside the existing Foundation Phase, guidance for the new curriculum for Wales, which is due to be implemented by September 2022 has now been published. As a school we have begun our journey in developing our own unique curriculum, which will focus the on the four purposes and better support all our children with the foundations needed to succeed in our ever changing world.



To find out more about the new curriculum please follow the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=3ITF3OYafPM&feature=emb_logo

The Foundation Phase consists of children from Nursery to Year 2. At Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi our Foundation Phase is split across two sites. Both campuses run a unit approach to fully cater and provide for our pupils needs and to offer high quality continuous provision across the phase.

Aidan Campus (Porth y Rhaw): Nursery and Reception
Non Campus (Porthselau): Year 1 and 2

Meet the Team



Mrs S Williams
Head of Foundation Phase



Miss V Pacheco
Teacher



Mrs K Turner
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Mrs R John
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Topics and Values

The topics within Foundation Phase are planned across a two-year cycle. Each has a clear focus based on the skills outlined in the curriculum framework and allows for children's interests and ideas to be developed alongside.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Nursery and Reception	Little Explorers/ Marvellous Me	Toy Box/ Truly Scrumptious	Sizzling Summer/ Amazing Animals
Year 1 and 2	All about me/You, Me and Everyone	Enchanted Forest/ Gwlad Gwlad	Seashore/ Rainforests

As a Church school our faith and values are extremely important to us. We aim to express faith, respect one another, be mindful, honest, open and be the very best we can be each and every day.

To support us in achieving this our school values are broken down and used to guide our practice. Below is an overview of all our values and when these are taught and focused upon throughout the year.

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

Supporting your child at home

- Use and check Class Dojo daily to see your child's progress and keep up to date with up coming events and the latest information.
- Check with your child to see if they have had any letters.
- Read with your child daily even if it is just two or three pages of their reading book. Research shows that reading makes a huge impact on your child's progress, especially if you start when your child is young. For further information and advice please ask for a copy of our reading leaflet.
- If your child is learning their sounds or numbers support this by going on a number hunt, collecting interesting items to count, playing I spy, listening for sounds in the environment etc.
- Ensure your child attends school and arrives on time, their learning begins from the very start of the school day.
- Where possible attend school events, particularly parents evening.
- If you are worried about anything, go and talk to the class teacher, they will want to help.

Useful links and Resources

Nursery Rhymes and Songs

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06kbsbz>

Phonics

Set 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8m6YFr0gig>

Set 2 and 3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aR0BV1zaFDM>

Jack Hartmann- These videos focus on reading, writing, maths, science, physical fitness and even brain development.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVcQH8A634mauPrGbWs7QIQ>

Educational Games, E-books, advice and much more

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

[oxfordowl.co.uk](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

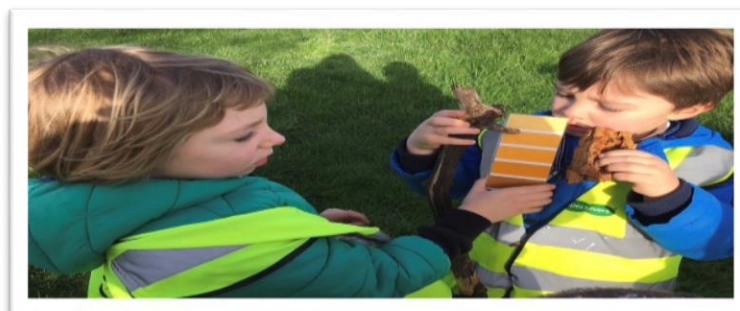
https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/my_account

<https://storylineonline.net/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

At Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi we acknowledge that parents are their child's primary educators which is why we want to build strong, positive relationships with all our parents in order to better support our children.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our Foundation Phase. If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.





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