



Plaza Gwanwyn - Nursery - Seize the Season - Winter



We will be continuing to supporting all the children as they settle back into Nursery as well as welcoming our new starters getting to know them as they make new friends. Our curriculum will support our children at the very beginning of their learning continuum, recognising that every child is unique and values the Welsh language as an integral part of the unique culture of Wales. Play is a fundamental right for all children. It is through play and playful experiences that children find ways to explore a range of emotions and learn about the world around them. Here at Dewstow we will provide authentic and engaging experiences where children are encouraged to investigate, explore, create and be active, both inside the plaza and outside in our garden whatever the weather.

Our Curriculum focusses on the needs of the developing child through five developmental pathways - Belonging, Communication, Exploration, Physical Development and Well Being.

Belonging

The children will be learning to recognise who they are and those who are important to them. The children will be encouraged to participate in the life of Nursery, developing their independence while also understanding and following rules and boundaries. The children will learn to take care each other and also the things in their environment.

Welsh Language Patterns

Bore Da- Good Morning
Prynhawn Da - Good Afternoon
Diolch - Thank you
Pwy wyt ti? Who are you?
..... ydw i, I am
Sut wyt ti? How are you?



Communication

Communication is fundamental to children's development. We will be supporting the children to understand and to be able to make themselves understood. Communication involves developing listening, attention and understanding, alongside vocabulary and speaking skills. The children will learn to express their thoughts and feelings and to take notice of others. They will take on roles in play, sharing stories and retelling events. The children will be encouraged to join in with familiar stories and rhymes. The children will use mark making tools with increasing control applying meaning to their marks. We will be using language in a fun and playful way with purpose. The children will have the opportunity to engage in different types of reading materials including using the Ipad.



Well Being

Feeling connected, secure and safe are key elements to developing a strong sense of well being. The children will be learning to interact with each other, take turn and share their likes and dislikes. They will learn to recognise their feelings and also the feelings of others. They will recognise that their actions may have consequences on others. The children will be learning to develop their independence especially in their personal hygiene.



Extra Information

Our whole school approach to behaviour is encouraging the children to be **Ready, Respectful and Safe**.

The children will be rewarded for being Ready, Respectful and Safe through verbal praise, stickers and Head Teacher Awards.

We will be PE every **FRIDAY** in the hall where the children will be encouraged to take off their own shoes and socks. Any practice that you can do to support us with this will be greatly appreciated.

We will be getting suited and booted and heading into Forest School each **MONDAY**.

Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of wellies in school for their outdoor play along with a warm coat and hats and gloves.

This term the children will also take part in a drumming workshop.



Exploration

Children's natural curiosity about the world around them is a strong motivator. The children will explore and investigate themselves and learn from each other. The children will develop these skills both inside and outside the Nursery making use of the changes in seasons and our school environment. They will be encouraged to use technology and mark making to communicate their ideas. The children will play with quantities and numbers and use mathematical language in their play. We will be noticing similarities and differences in people, places and things throughout this topic. We will be focusing on Winter, weather and healthy eating.

Physical Development

Children have a natural need to move, be moved and to move or manipulate objects. Repetition and variety are critical to their development. Physical development has multiple benefits for young children. Movement is linked to learning, physical activities which can enhance a child's sense of belonging and well being. It can support greater concentration, motivation, memory as well as support healthy bone and muscle development. At Dewstow, the outside environment is offered to the children throughout the day - even in the rain and hopefully the snow. They will learn to move safely and co-ordinate their movements. We also have our Woodwork area that the children have access to daily using real tools.



Find somewhere quiet away from noise, TV and mobile phones.



Cuddle up together and enjoy stories and rhymes.

Make animal noises or sound effects to help bring the story to life and make you all laugh.

Look at the pictures and start talking about them. Can you find a dinosaur/ rabbit. What else can you see? How many bananas are there? What games are the children playing?

Talking to your child will help them learn more words.



Helping your child with Reading Nursery

Sharing a book with a child is fun – it's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together. Reading with your child can help them develop, strengthen your bond and get them ready for school.

Spending 10 minutes a day reading to your child helped them develop social and emotional skills and become confident happy learners.



It's ok to read the same story over and over again because familiar books are comforting and build confidence.

Play games when out and about together. What letters, number or words can they see on shops, posters and signs?
eg Asda, McDonalds, STOP



Try asking your child to tell the story. Can they 'read' the pictures to you and talk about what is happening on each page.

Visit Caldicot Library where you can borrow books for free.