



Trellech Primary School

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'Living, Learning Laughing'

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Information for New Reception Pupils and Parents

We will provide a safe, happy and caring environment for your child.

We will provide a cross curricular range of academic experiences.

School is a partnership between teachers, parents and children. If you have any concerns or worries, please let us know so that we can help.

We encourage healthy eating throughout the school. Could you please supply your child with a healthy snack for playtime.

Free milk is provided if your child would like.

Chilled water is available and each child should have a named water bottle for use in class.

New challenges, routines, adults and friends.

Things will be made easier for your child if they are as independent as possible.

- Look after their belongings.
- Recognise their name.
- Do up their coats.
- Undress and dress themselves.
- Use the toilet independently
- Can speak for themselves.
- Follow simple instructions.
- Tidy up.
- Sit quietly for short periods of time.

Learning in Reception follows the new Foundation Phase curriculum which splits learning into seven areas (+ Religious Education). These are...

Language, Literacy and Communication Skills.

In school we will give your child a range of experiences to develop their literacy skills. In these early days we will use a structured synthetic phonic based scheme called Read, Write Inc. to develop their knowledge of letters and sounds.

Guided Reading with small groups of children will be a method used to develop the skill of reading. This method will enable your child to use their reading skills in a supportive setting. Discuss their interpretations with others. It will also enable them to use a range of strategies to making meaning of word, sentence and text levels.

Experiences will be provided to develop writing skills. In these early stages mark making is essential feature of writing. Your child will be encouraged to 'have a go' with their own words.

How can you help?

Play Games- discrimination of shapes, jigsaws, matching etc.

Share Books- front, back, left to right.

Reading Together- sound books, word sheets etc.

Writing – Play dough, plasticine, small beads etc.

Mathematical Development

Planning used based on Abacus Maths Scheme.

Practical Activities – games, cookery, outdoors maths etc.

Formation of numbers- sand, paint, games.

Personal & Social Development/Well Being and Cultural Diversity

We aim help your child further in developing their social skills in order to be courteous to others, to take turns, to hold the door for others and share their thoughts and feelings. Each Friday we have 'Show and Tell' where your child can share information with the class about something that is important to them and bring something to school that they would like to show.

Your child will be encouraged to become aware of and value the different cultures and languages that exist in a multi-cultural Wales. Through the different types of play, practical experiences and stimuli children should become increasingly aware of the traditions and celebrations that form part of cultural identity.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We aim to develop your child's learning of the World around them through hands on experiences. Using the school grounds and the local area to develop scientific and geographical enquiry. We develop an understanding of past and present and how things have changed through changes that related to their own experiences.

Creative Development

Learning creative skills through a range of experiences including musical, designing and making models and artwork through a range of materials and techniques. We try to provide opportunities for your child to attend workshops to develop their creative skills. A recent Arty Facts Workshop in Chepstow proved to be a great learning success. We are also in the process of developing our corridors and classrooms into much more creative and stimulating areas for children to work in.

Outdoor Activities/Play

Trellech Primary School is part of the Forest Schools Initiative and throughout the year your child will attend our Forest Circle in Wet Meadow Wood (walking distance from school). We are very keen to develop the children's learning both within and outside the classroom, and they will spend at least part of each day outside. Could you ensure that you send a waterproof / warm coat and wellies throughout the school year to allow your child to access the outdoor learning environment.

"There is no inappropriate weather... only inappropriate clothing"

Physical Development

It is important that your child takes part in P.E and therefore will need to be able to undress/ dress for P.E. and follow simple instructions. During Physical Development will encourage your child to develop co-ordination through activities such as dance, games and gymnastics. Control of a range of equipment such as balls of varying sizes, beanbags etc. and to gain control of smaller equipment within the class such as pencils and scissors.

Welsh Language Development

Children will be encouraged listen to welsh being spoken and respond appropriately in familiar situations using a range of patterns.

Religious Education

Children will be given experiences that help them to increase their curiosity and understanding of the cultures and beliefs of other people in the locality, the wider context of Wales, Britain and the World.

Please could you:

Clearly label all your child's possessions.

Provide P.E. Kits (t-shirt, shorts) in a small bag that may be hung on a peg.

Outdoor waterproof coat and wellingtons

A positive, enjoyable experience!

“The ladder of education can never be secure unless the first rung is firmly in place”

Rosemary Peacocke- Former HMI Inspector of Early Years.