



Croeso i Feithrin

Welcome to Nursery

Mrs Paull

Supported by Mrs Davies and Miss Jones

New Academic Year

- Firstly, we would like to welcome you and your child to Nursery and what will be a very exciting year ahead. We are pleased to say that the pupils have already met their teacher and their new classroom and started to learn about the routines of a new year group.
- We look forward to welcoming you into school on Monday 7th September at 3.30pm for 'Meet the Teacher'

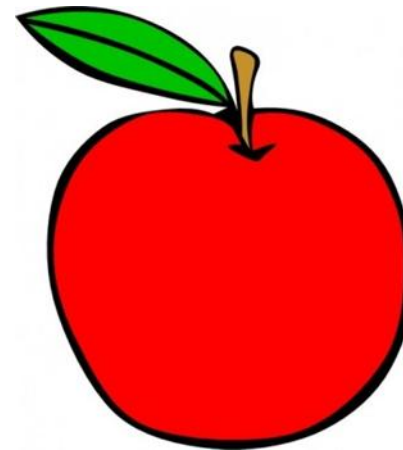


Staff in Nursery

Pupils are already getting to know their new teacher and there have been some new names to learn!

Nursery teacher – Mrs Paull

The teacher will be supported by Mrs Davies and Miss Jones



The beginning and end of the day

- Timings for pupils in nursery are:

Nursery **morning** pupils: 9.00am - 11.00pm

Nursery **afternoon** pupils: 1.00pm – 3.00pm



- Please try to be on time and leave the school premises swiftly after drop off/pick up.
- If a different person is collecting your child, please inform Nursery staff or the School Office and give a password. This will ensure your child is collected safely. A letter regarding who will be collecting your child from school will be given when your child starts afternoon Nursery.



Nursery

- The first few weeks in Nursery are a big step for both children and parents. We understand that settling into a new routine can be challenging, and at Johnstown we place great importance on ensuring every child has a happy and positive start.
- We provide a safe, welcoming and stimulating environment where children feel secure, valued and supported as they become familiar with Nursery life.
- Throughout the day, children enjoy a range of activities based on their interests, with opportunities to explore, make choices and develop their independence. Activities and learning areas are regularly refreshed to keep children engaged and curious.
- We recognise that personal and social development is an important foundation for lifelong learning. Our aim is for every child to feel happy, confident and safe while developing the skills they need to learn and grow.
- Children will learn in an inclusive environment, with support provided in line with their individual needs. Our curriculum has a strong focus on learning about and through our locality, Wales and the wider world.
- Each term, we will share information with parents about the learning experiences and activities their child will be taking part in.

Milk & Fruit

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- All children in the Foundation Learning classes are entitled to free milk, provided through the Welsh Government scheme. We encourage children to enjoy milk as part of their daily routine; however, if your child has a dairy intolerance or allergy, please let a member of staff know.
- Fresh drinking water is available to all children throughout the school day.
- We also have a daily snack time, when children enjoy fruit brought in from home. For hygiene purposes, please send your child's fruit in a clearly labelled container.



Organising the Learning

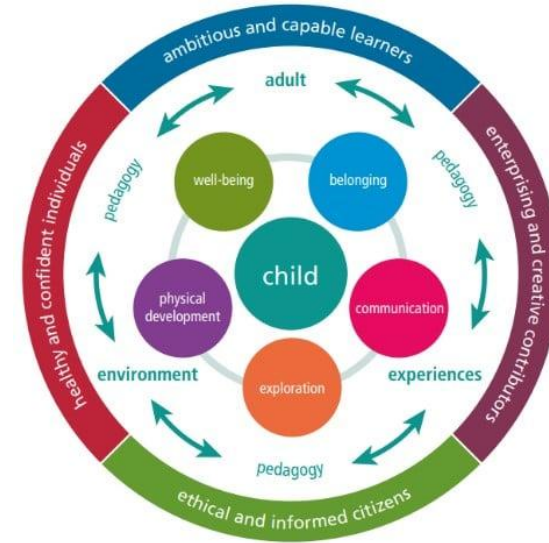
The Developmental Pathways

Children are at the heart of this curriculum, and, as such, the five developmental pathways are expressed from the child's viewpoint to ensure that provision focuses on the needs, interests and curiosity of three and four-year-olds.

Children are learning to express themselves; they are gaining in independence, and they are becoming more aware of their value to those around them. The developmental pathways represent a child's right to experience an environment where play is valued for itself and as part of learning.

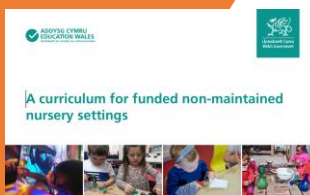
The 5 Developmental Pathways are:

- Belonging
- Communication
- Exploration
- Physical Development
- Well-being



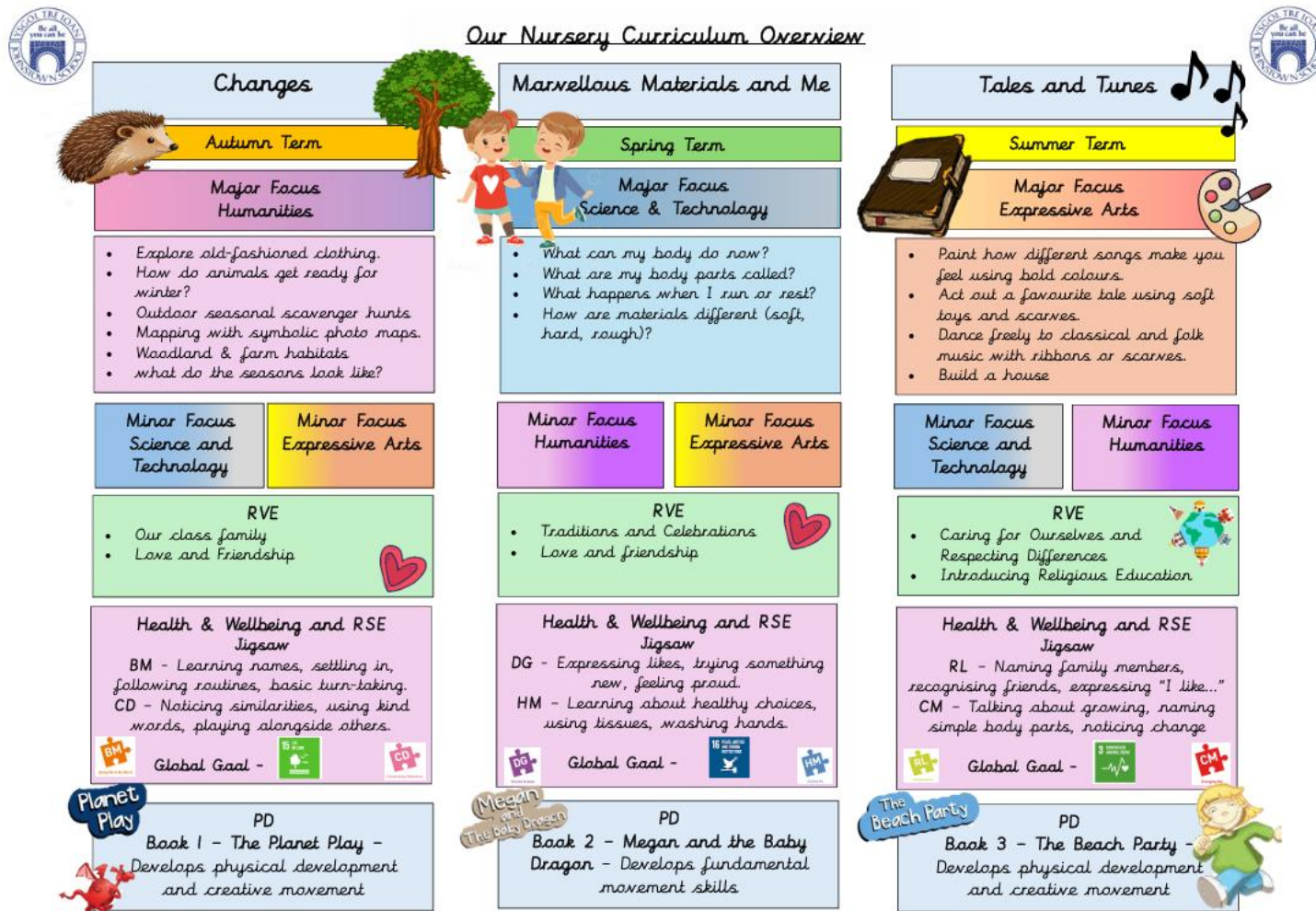
For further information about the Nursery curriculum, please click on the link below.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/api/storage/b1801d78-38c3-4320-9818-d9996c21aef8/220914-a-curriculum-for-funded-non-maintained-nursery-settings.pdf>



Themes

Please see below the themes that your child will be learning about this term





RSE - Jigsaw

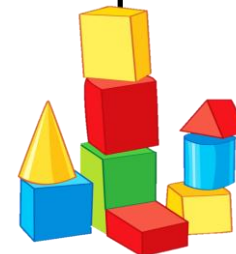
- Jigsaw is a fun and friendly programme that helps our nursery children learn about themselves, their feelings and the world around them.
- Throughout the year, we will explore lots of important things together, such as being happy and healthy, making friends, understanding our feelings, keeping ourselves safe, being kind and caring for others.
- We use stories, songs, games, talking, movement and mindfulness activities to help children learn in a way that is fun and easy to understand. Jigsaw gives children a safe and happy space to share their thoughts and feelings and learn how to express themselves.
- Through Jigsaw, children will develop important skills such as kindness, confidence, empathy, resilience and independence. These skills help children to build positive friendships, make good choices and feel happy and confident as they grow.



Learning Environment

Learning is Fun!

- Our Nursery provides a welcoming and stimulating learning environment designed to support children's curiosity, interests and development. The classroom is carefully organised into a range of inviting areas where children can explore, investigate, create and learn through play.
- We regularly review and develop the learning environment, adapting resources and activities to reflect the children's interests and provide new opportunities for learning and challenge.
- Our Nursery areas include mark-making, reading, maths, construction, creative, small world, role play, water, mud kitchen, loose parts and a discovery area. These areas provide children with opportunities to develop their skills, independence and confidence while learning through enjoyable and meaningful experiences.



Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning

- Through our new and exciting themes, pupils will experience learning through first-hand, active learning opportunities in the outdoor environment. We are very lucky to have such wonderful outdoor areas to explore.
- When pupils attend full-time Nursery, we will ask you to please provide appropriate outdoor clothing: a waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers and wellies. All items need to be clearly labelled, and we kindly ask if we can keep clothing and wellies in school so that they can be accessed regularly.



My One Page Profile – Mrs Paull



What people like and admire about me:

- ☺ I am caring, kind and thoughtful towards others.
- ☺ I always try my best and take pride in everything I do.
- ☺ I am easy-going, approachable and enjoy working with others.
- ☺ I am a happy and positive person, and I like to help those around me feel happy too.
- ☺ When I am given a task, I always try to complete it to the best of my ability.
- ☺ I have a good sense of humour and enjoy having a laugh with others.

What is important to me:

- ☺ The pupils and staff at Johnstown School are very important to me. We are one big, happy family.
- ☺ I want to make sure that every child in Nursery feels happy, safe, settled and content in school.
- ☺ My family are very important to me, and I love spending quality time with them.
- ☺ I enjoy spending time at the beach in my camper van with my two cocker spaniels, Jet and Jasper.
- ☺ I love creating an exciting and stimulating Nursery environment, filled with activities that capture the children's interests and encourage them to explore and learn.
- ☺ It is incredibly rewarding to see how much each child grows, develops and gains in confidence during their time in Nursery.

How to support me:

- ☺ Have a go at things by yourself and be proud of what you can do!
- ☺ Help me to tidy our classroom and put things back where they belong.
- ☺ Be kind, caring and helpful to your friends and the grown-ups in our Nursery.
- ☺ Look after our toys, resources and special activity areas.
- ☺ Use your listening ears and help us follow our Nursery routines.
- ☺ Come into Nursery with a big smile and help make our day happy!
- ☺ Try your best, have fun and show Miss that you can **"Be All You Can Be!"**

This is Mrs Paull's One Page Profile.

It explains what people think about her, what is important to her and how she can be supported in school.



One Page Profile (OPP)

My One Page Profile	

- Every child in Johnstown will have a One Page Profile which will be kept in the class and used by staff to help your child with their learning.
- You will be sent a blank One Page Profile and prompt sheet.
- Using the teacher example and the prompt sheet, discuss with your child the statements on the One Page Profile. Jot down ideas for each statement and send it back to school. These ideas will contribute to the document created by the teacher.



Physical Development (PD)

Nursery PD is on a Thursday.

Please send your child into school wearing their school PD kit and outdoor footwear on these days.

This will consist of a polo shirt/t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers.

No jewellery should be worn on these days and long hair should be tied back.



Early Reading Skills / Phonics

Reading at home

- In Foundation Learning classes your child will be taught the building blocks of reading through phonological awareness, attention and listening and phonics. It is useful for you to ask your child about sounds that they are learning and try to spot these sounds outside of school, for example, on road signs or play games such as I-spy.
- Age and Stage appropriate early reading skills practice, including books where appropriate will also be sent home.



In the New Year, we will be taking part in Pori Drwy Stori, a bilingual programme designed to support Nursery children across Wales in developing a love of books, stories and rhymes. Through fun stories, songs, rhymes and activities in class, children will be encouraged to listen, talk, share ideas and develop their vocabulary and communication skills. As part of the programme, children will receive their own activity packs and accompanying sheets to support their learning and engagement with the stories. These will provide opportunities to explore language, imagination and early literacy skills in a fun and enjoyable way. Pori Drwy Stori will help our children build confidence, develop important communication skills and, most importantly, foster a love of stories, books and reading from an early age.



How you can help your child in Nursery

There are a few simple things you can practise at home to help your child become more confident and independent at nursery:

- Have fun spotting, recognising and writing their name.
- Clothing: Please avoid jeans, belts and dungarees, as these can be tricky for young children to manage independently. Comfortable, easy-to-manage clothing is best.
- Mealtimes: If your child attends nursery full-time, it is helpful for them to practise using a fork and spoon independently, ready for school dinners.
- Getting dressed: Please encourage your child to practise putting on and taking off their own coat. Being able to do this independently is a great achievement for little ones!
- Labelling belongings: Please clearly label coats, jumpers, cardigans, bags, scarves, hats and other personal belongings with your child's name. Young children can sometimes forget what they have brought with them, and having names on everything helps us to return lost items quickly and avoid any upset.
- Toileting: Please encourage your child to become as independent as possible when using the toilet before starting nursery. We understand that accidents can happen, so please provide a spare change of clothes in your child's bag, just in case.



Communication



Your child/ren's Class teacher will ensure that important messages are shared via the school communication portal, called 'My school app'.

You can also view important school news on the Johnstown School Facebook Page.



Communication



ParentPay

We are a cashless school. An activation letter from school should have been sent to you, which includes a unique **Username** and **Password**. These log in details are for a **one-time use only**. Once you have activated your account, you will be guided to select your own preferred username and password.

Parentpay is used to select and pay for school dinners, contribute towards planned school trips and receive important messages from school.

For pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, there will be no charge through ParentPay, however it is important to continue to select meal options through this to support Catering Services.

For further information about ParentPay please contact the School Office.



Reminders

- Attendance and punctuality are crucial in supporting your child's learning progress.
- Please keep up updated with any changes of personal information such as telephone numbers, emails and address.
- Please ensure that all your child's personal items, including coats, are named.
- Fruit can be sent into school with your child to enjoy during morning break (it is helpful if boxes are named also).
- Please do not send in any 'nuts' as snacks or as part of a packed lunch as we have other pupils with severe allergies.
- Labelled water bottles can be brought into school so that your child can drink water throughout the day. Water is also provided by Nursery staff through the day.
- If your child requires medication, then a Medication Form will need to be completed and returned to the school office. These forms are available from the school office.
- Please make sure that any medication, including Asthma pumps and Epi-pens are clearly named and in date.
- The Home/School Agreement, Hwb agreement and permission slips will be sent early in the Autumn Term.



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If you have any further questions, please telephone the School Office on 01267 236653 or email

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