



# Derwendeg Primary School



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<b>What Matters and Principles of Progression</b>	A Broad and balanced Curriculum.
<b>Curriculum Design and Pedagogy</b>	How we teach. Staff will use pupil learning reviews to monitor progression and plan for further learning. They will set targets, plan and deliver lessons focusing on the 12 pedagogical principles. Staff will continue to use professional learning opportunities to enhance their pedagogy.
<b>Enhancement and Enrichment</b>	We will continue to offer a range of experiences to broaden and enhance our curriculum.
<b>Assessment and Progression</b>	We will utilise various assessment strategies which will enable each individual learner to make progress at an appropriate pace, ensuring they are supported and challenged accordingly.
<b>Review and Evaluate</b>	Our Curriculum will be constantly under review. We will continue to reflect and improve.

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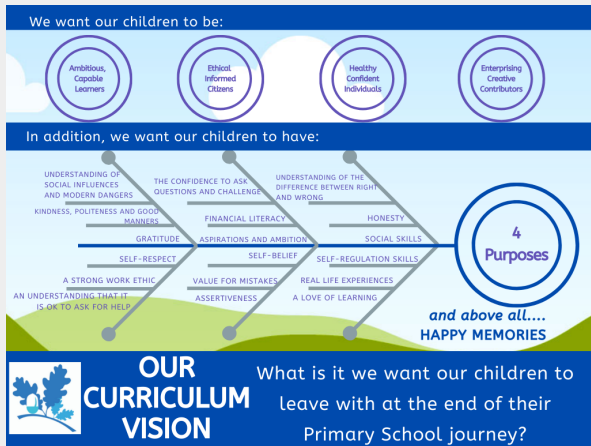
## Vision and Values



Be kind; be ambitious; be the best you can be

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Our vision is for this school to be a happy family, growing together and supporting each other to reach our full potential as citizens of Wales and the world.



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### Our Aims

- To ensure our children leave Derwendeg Primary School with many happy memories.
- To enable our learners to develop towards the four purposes of the curriculum.
- To engage our children in an authentic curriculum fulfilling their interests, fuelling their curiosity and meeting the needs of every learner.
- To develop our children as independent, resilient learners with an appreciation of the value of hard work and challenge.
- To create a safe and stimulating environment which reflects and promotes our school values.
- To promote positive behaviour through developing our children's emotional intelligence and independence in making the right choices.
- To give our pupils a voice in their learning and across the school; promoting a sense of self worth and community.
- To develop our children as responsible citizens who value diversity and understand how they can make a difference in the school, community and across the world.
- To ensure our staff and pupils believe in their own ability and have high aspirations for themselves and each other.
- To work collaboratively within and out of school as a learning organisation to fulfil the 4 enabling objectives in Wales' National Mission.
- To work in partnership with our whole school community, outside agencies and higher education institutions to provide a holistic education experience for all of our children.

'It takes a village to raise a child.'

# Derwendeg Primary School Curriculum Design



Our school Curriculum is everything a learner experiences in pursuit of the four purposes. It is not simply what we teach, but how we teach and crucially, why we teach it.

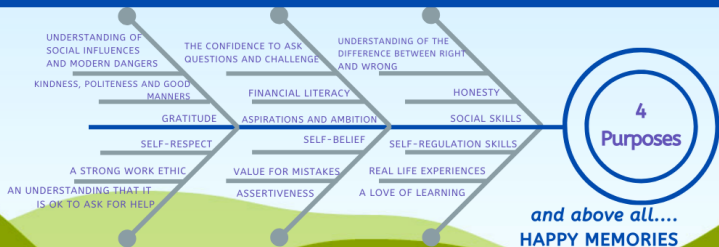
Richard Riley (former U.S. Secretary of State), “We are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t yet exist...using technologies that haven’t been invented...in order to solve problems we don’t even know are problems yet.”

Ambitious, Capable Learners	Healthy, Confident Individuals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Set themselves high standards and seek and enjoy challenge.</li> <li>1.2 Are building up a body of knowledge and have the skills to connect and apply that knowledge in different contexts.</li> <li>1.3 Are questioning and enjoy solving problems</li> <li>1.4 Can communicate effectively in different forms and settings, using both Welsh and English.</li> <li>1.5 Can explain the ideas and concepts they are learning about</li> <li>1.6 Can use number effectively in different contexts</li> <li>1.7 Understand how to interpret data and apply mathematical concepts</li> <li>1.8 Use digital technologies creatively to communicate, find and analyse information.</li> <li>1.9 Undertake research and evaluate critically what they find and are ready to learn throughout their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 have secure values and are establishing their spiritual and ethical beliefs</li> <li>4.2 are building their mental and emotional well-being by developing confidence, resilience and empathy.</li> <li>4.3 apply knowledge about the impact of diet and exercise on physical and mental health in their daily lives</li> <li>4.4 know how to find the information and support to keep safe and well</li> <li>4.5 take part in physical activity</li> <li>4.6 take measured decisions about lifestyle and manage risk</li> <li>4.7 have the confidence to participate in performance</li> <li>4.8 form positive relationships based upon trust and mutual respect</li> <li>4.9 face and overcome challenge</li> <li>4.10 have the skills and knowledge to manage everyday life as independently as they can and are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.</li> </ul>
Ethical, Informed Citizens	Enterprising, Creative Contributors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 find, evaluate and use evidence in forming views</li> <li>3.2 engage with contemporary issues based upon their knowledge and values</li> <li>3.3 understand and exercise their human and democratic responsibilities and rights.</li> <li>3.4 understand and consider the impact of their actions when making choices and acting</li> <li>3.5 are knowledgeable about their culture, community, society and the world, now and in the past.</li> <li>3.6 respect the needs and rights of others, as a member of a diverse society and are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 connect and apply their knowledge and skills to create ideas and products</li> <li>2.2 think creatively to reframe and solve problems</li> <li>2.3 identify and grasp opportunities</li> <li>2.4 take measured risks</li> <li>2.5 lead and play different roles in teams effectively and responsibly</li> <li>2.6 express ideas and emotions through different media</li> <li>2.7 give of their energy and skills so that other people will benefit and are ready to play a full part in life and work</li> </ul>

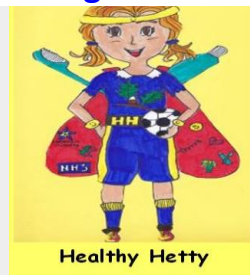
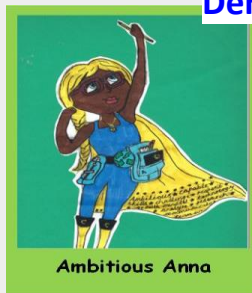
We want our children to be:



In addition, we want our children to have:



## Derwendeg’s Four Purpose Superheroes



## OUR CURRICULUM VISION

What is it we want our children to leave with at the end of their Primary School journey?

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## Curriculum Design



Our Curriculum contains the 6 AoLEs which include the Statements of What Matters and the Principles of Progression. Our Curriculum embeds the mandatory cross-curricular skills and the integral skills that underpin the four purposes of the Curriculum. Our Curriculum also incorporates opportunities and consideration of cross-cutting themes, where and when appropriate.

### Areas of learning and experience



Expressive Arts



Health and Well-being



Humanities



Languages, Literacy and Communication



Mathematics and Numeracy

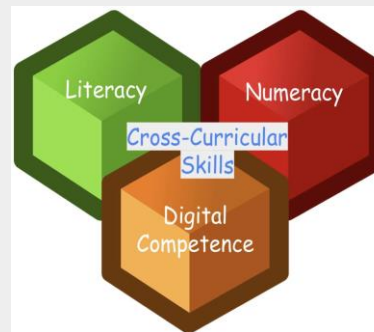


Science and Technology

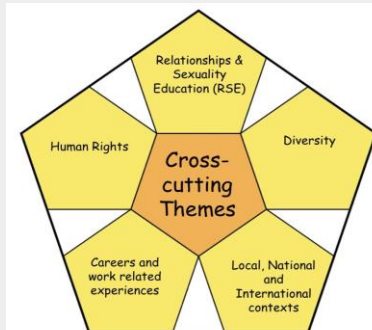
**Derwendeg Primary School**  
Curriculum Overview  
2023-24

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Whole School Topics and Values 2023-24																	
Autumn Term 2023																	
	Wk 1 4.9.	Wk 2 11.9.	Wk 3 18.9.	Wk 4 25.9.	Wk 5 2.10.	Wk 6 9.10.	Wk 7 16.10.	Wk 8 23.10.		Wk 9 6.11.	Wk 10 13.11.	Wk 11 20.11.	Wk 12 27.11.	Wk 13 4.12.	Wk 14 11.12.	Wk 15 18.12.	
Values	Respect and Kindness									Resilience							
AoLE Focus	Humanities									Humanities							
Concepts	Cynefin, Community, Citizenship, Identity									Cynefin, Community, Citizenship, Identity							
Topic	Cynefin - What can we learn about ourselves by exploring?									Cynefin - What can we learn about ourselves by exploring?				Christmas Topic			
DR ICE	All elements of DR ICE									All elements of DR ICE							



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## What Matters and Principles of Progression



Staff have completed training during INSET and staff meetings, familiarising themselves with What Matters and the Principles of Progression. Staff have planned for and tracked the What Matters and Progression Steps across the academic year to ensure the Curriculum is broad and balanced.

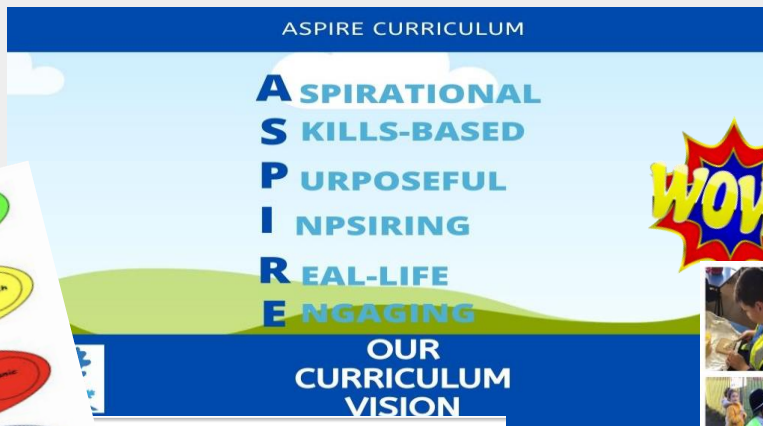
AoLE teams have written action plans and evaluate termly. The principles of progression broadly correspond to expectations for ages 5, 8, 11, 14 and 16 and offer guidance on how learners should demonstrate progress within each Statement. The process of exploring and revisiting these statements enables our learners to develop ever greater knowledge over the learning continuum and to progress to a more sophisticated understanding of the key knowledge, ideas and principles in each of the 27 mandatory statements.

Expressive Arts		
<p><b>Statement of What Matters</b> Exploring the expressive arts is essential to developing artistic skills and knowledge and it enables learners to become curious and creative individuals.</p> <p><b>Progression Step 1</b>      <b>Step 2</b>      <b>Step 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can explore and experiment with a variety of creative techniques, materials, processes, resources, tools and technologies. I can explore and experiment with and then select appropriate creative techniques, processes, materials, processes, resources, tools and technologies, showing innovation and resilience on my own and others' creative work.</li><li>I can ask questions to discover how creative work is made by asking questions and developing my own answers. I can represent, document, share and celebrate personal, social and cultural identities.</li><li>I am beginning to explore ideas, feelings and moods in a variety of creative work. I can explore and describe how artists and creators work communicate mood, feelings and ideas and the impact they have on an audience.</li></ul>	<p><b>Statement of What Matters</b> Responding and reflecting, both as artist and audience, is a fundamental part of learning in the expressive arts.</p> <p><b>Progression Step 1</b>      <b>Step 2</b>      <b>Step 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can listen to and respond to views about my own creative work and that of others. I can give and receive feedback as both artist and audience, reflecting on it and making improvements where necessary.</li><li>I am beginning to compare my own creative work to the creative work of others and from other places and times. I can apply knowledge and understanding of context, and make connections between places/times.</li><li>I am beginning to talk about my moods and emotions and use these to impact upon my creative work. I can consider, with guidance, how moods, emotions and ideas are communicated both in my own creative work and in the creative work of others. I can reflect upon how artists have achieved effects or communicated moods, emotions and ideas in their work.</li></ul>	<p><b>Statement of What Matters</b> Creating combines skills and knowledge, drawing on the senses, inspiration and imagination.</p> <p><b>Progression Step 1</b>      <b>Step 2</b>      <b>Step 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can communicate ideas, feelings and memories for an audience and for purposes and outcomes in my creative work. I can combine my knowledge, experience and understanding to plan and communicate my creative work for a range of different audiences, purposes and outcomes.</li><li>I can imitate established artistic techniques in the creation of my own work. I am beginning to apply techniques in my creative work with guidance and direction, drawing on my familiarity with a range of discipline-specific techniques.</li><li>I am beginning to design my own creative work and work collaboratively with others to develop creative ideas, and draw upon my knowledge/make connections with greater independence.</li><li>I can share my creative work. I can perform, produce, design, exhibit and share my creative work in a variety of ways for different audiences, inspired by a range of stimuli and experiences in formal/informal contexts.</li></ul>
<p><b>Autumn</b> <b>Topic - Escape from Derwendeg! Where shall we go?</b> African art, pattern.</p>	<p><b>Spring</b> <b>Topic - Making &amp; tinkering</b> Role-play enabled creative design/problem solving Dyson Project - looking at products and redesigning. Music (BA)</p>	<p><b>Summer</b> <b>Topic - Understanding me - What makes us happy and healthy?</b> Keith Haring artist. create foil sculptures of moving people.</p>

# Derwendeg Primary School Curriculum Design and Pedagogy

A Derwendeg Topic is a way of involving our pupils and staff in co-constructing an engaging, fun, relevant approach to the curriculum which uses real-life contexts to foster independent, memorable, learning experiences which promotes their core purposes as Welsh learners.

Staff use Curriculum Guidance to work towards a purposeful showcase, involving the community where and when possible. Big questions will focus learners.



Our School's Approach to Curriculum Design.

ASPIRE Curriculum

Big Questions



<p><b>Ambitious, Capable Learners</b> How do we stop noise from the road affecting our learning? Can we write to our local government about litter and our local park? Can we meet with our comprehensive teachers so that we know what to expect? Can we teach adults skills that we have? How do we educate people about road safety issues in our community? How do we report issues with litter and dog fouling in our community? Who do we write to to remind our lollipop person or highway maintenance to fix the field gates?</p>	<p><b>Enterprising, Creative Contributors</b> Can we improve our local park? How do we work together as a team? Can we make our school in a virtual environment? Can we improve our community in our virtual environment? Can we design the transport of the future? Can we make a board game to teach people how to treat our community?</p>
<p><b>Ethical, Informed, Citizens</b> Can we make our roads safer? What can we do about litter in our community? Can we inform our community about litter and its impact on our environment? How do we draw our community's attention to our litter and noise pollution problems?</p>	<p><b>Healthy, Resilient, and Active Citizens</b> What can we plant to attract more bees? Can we arrange a bike race? Can we try healthy foods? Can we encourage better diet by making fruit based foods? What games can we teach younger children? What can we learn from others to keep us fit?</p>

Year 6  
Topic Plan  
How can we make our community happy, healthy and safe?

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## Pedagogy

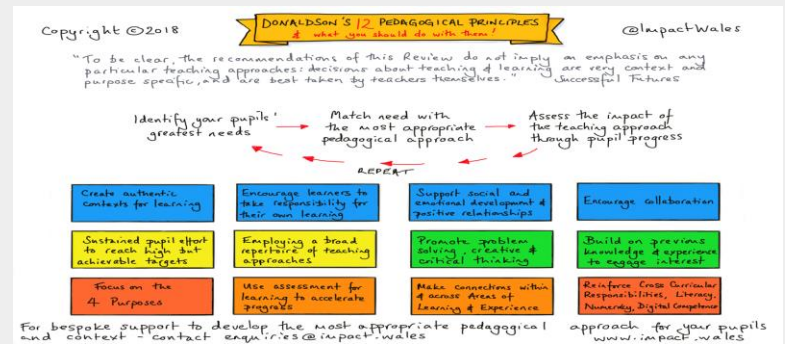


At Derwendeg staff we constantly reflect, collaborate and develop our teaching practices based on our understanding of the 12 pedagogical principles.

We collaborate constantly as a school and cluster and share best practice to ensure we offer the highest quality of learning experiences and teaching for our learners.

Our school, as a learning organisation, ensures professional learning is undertaken and passion projects are part of the Performance Development cycle. We place a high value on research-based learning.

- D** Deepening Thinking
- R** Role Modelling Learning
- I** Impact on Learning
- C** Challenging Expectations
- E** Engaging in Learning





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## Enhancement and Enrichment



We believe at Derwendeg that our learners are entitled to the best possible education. We are fully committed to offering a broad and balanced curriculum. We want to ensure they have access to a range of knowledge, skills and experiences ensuring that we treat every child as an individual, concentrating on their passions, interests and goals as well as their academic success. We aim to offer the following:

- Outdoor Learning/Enrichment afternoons
- Enrichment opportunities (Friday PM)
- Thrive/ELSA
- 50 things to do before leaving Derwendeg.
- Mindfulness
- Campus Cymraeg
- After school clubs
- Autism Awareness
- Crew Cymraeg/Eco Committee/School Council/Sports Team events
- Intergenerational Project
- Allotment
- Sports Days
- Theme Weeks
- School Trips
- Access to the School Rabbit
- Show Racism the Red card/Charity events



Cymraeg Campus  
Bronze Award



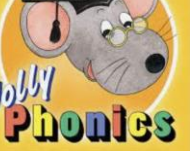
# Derwendeg Primary School Assessment and Progression



At Derwendeg Progression and assessment is at the heart of curriculum design.

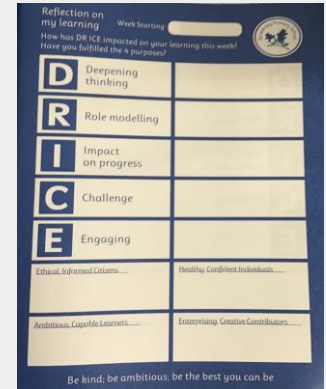
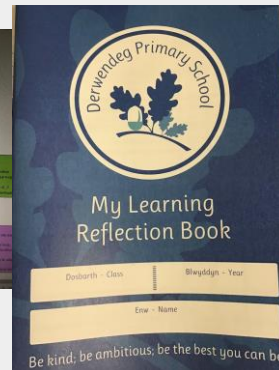
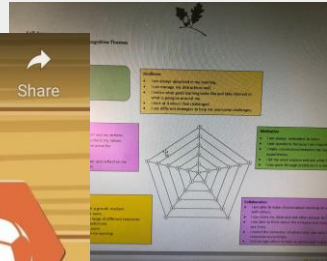
The purpose of assessment is to support every learner in relation to the 3-16 continuum. We aim to collect data on the whole child. (Their passions, interests, goals and academic success) It is therefore vital that our Curriculum and values supports our ability to collect this vital data. It is our aim to support individual learners on an ongoing, day-to-day basis, identifying, capturing and reflecting on individual learner progress over time. Staff will continually reflect on their practice using data collected.

We believe that a successful curriculum, supported by effective teaching and learning enables learners to make meaningful progress. This will be carefully communicated with parents.



ed Assessments – Learner feedback explained

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## Assessment and Progression



### Assessments

- [Personalised Assessments – Learner feedback explained](#)
- Jolly Phonics
- HFW
- Welsh baselines
- Star Reading
- NGST
- PASS
- Times tables baselines
- CLIC/Beat That
- Thrive/ELSA
- Taith 360
- Cohort Trackers

### Progression

**How we will know when learners make progress?**

- A robust monitoring schedule - Self and Peer monitoring with SLT quality assurance.
- Assessments data listed.
- Questioning/observations/books
- Journey through school
- Target setting
- Pupil Learning Reviews/Evaluations
- Whole class feedback sheets
- Cohort Trackers
- Pupil Progress meetings
- Taith 360
- Standardisation/collaboration
- DR ICE Learning Reflection book.