

## Final Report for Sensory Room

7 November 2025

The purpose of the grant was to fund sensory equipment and furniture in a safe, supportive space for neurodiverse learners and students that may need additional support to access the curriculum.

At Weymouth Primary School we work hard to ensure we are an inclusive school where all our children are 'taonga' and can access an adapted curriculum that meets their needs. Our strategic plans for 'quality teaching and leadership - is about collaboration in ways that are fun and rewarding within the classroom and beyond. We are blessed to have a dedicated DP/SENCO who goes above and beyond to make sure support is in place for families, and staff to be able to support the needs of all our children that enrol at WPS.

The funding we applied for from Te Rau Puāwai Trust has helped us to create a 'sensory space' where all of our children can have access to it. At the beginning of the year we worked alongside all of our staff to ensure they knew and understood the intention of the space and how to utilise the space accordingly.

Outcomes and learnings of the project	Unintended or unforeseen observations and learning that informed practice or further investigation
The space worked really well for all the different students who knew there was a place to come to calm down or self regulate before returning to their class. Our sensory room has provided many opportunities for our speech language therapist to be able to work alongside both ākonga and angels to incorporate language and speech needs whilst sensory needs are being met. The muscle mats in all classes have been a huge success and seeing our children	Different ways to utilise the space to its maximum potential Thinking of how we expand the space to have an indoor and outdoor component for 2026 and will get quotes for a proposal to our board of trustees Possibility of having a full time Weymouth Angel in the space and rostering on children to get full use of the space Continuing to have items in the space that are representative of all our cultures

on them when you go into the classes has been awesome

Having Marcus Winter come and share with our staff on how to use the 'light boxes' and then purchasing our own set of light boxes and moving them around the classes - again another awesome way to see our children engage in their learning especially oral language development.

## **Photos of Sensory Room**







