



Our Preschool Class Programme

Our Preschool provides a place where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, play and build confidence.

A play based curriculum (British Early Years Foundation Stage,) provides opportunities to learn reading, writing, math through meaningful situations. Children develop the ability to think abstractly by experiencing real objects using their senses.

Our day starts off at 9:00 am with free choosing of toys, games or activity. We then move on to circle time, where we meet as a group to focus on personal/ social and literacy skills. We sing songs, recite poems, read stories and do music with movement. We break at 10:15 for snack and playtime outside, weather permitting. The rest of the morning we meet to work on the different developmental areas, listed below, through activities and/or centres.

In personal, social and emotional development, we focus on respect, taking turns, working and playing together and communicating our thoughts and feelings.

Our literacy program includes stories, poems, rhymes and role play. We also work continually on our speaking and listening skills through group time, individual interaction, play and storytelling. Children also can check out books once a week from our Library.

Mathematics is problem solving, sorting, counting activities, colours, patterns, shapes and games.

Understanding of the world (Science Skills) is exploring indoor, outdoor environment, natural and manmade. We focus on the child's immediate environment and what they can relate too.

Gross motor development is building on fundamental skills through movement such as balancing, walking, running, jumping, climbing and hopping. We have scheduled outdoor playtimes every day.

Fine motor skill development is continued through practical experiences (like beads, peg boards, play dough, building blocks), independent skills (putting shoes and jackets on, taking them off), pre-writing skills (crayons, drawing, painting, arts and crafts).

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Expressive arts and design are explored through the seasonal crafts, painting and drawing activities, through music and movement and our twice-yearly concerts.

The 3-year-old may also participate in our afternoon creative activity programme together with the older reception aged students between 12:00pm-3:30pm as long as teachers and parents agree that they can cope with a full day at school.

Our Requirements for children entering Preschool class:

Children need to be three years old and toilet trained

We **recommend** 4 mornings, we **require** 3 mornings for 3-year-olds.

We find that the more mornings students attend the better they integrate into the group and understand the language and rules and routine of the classroom.

Preliminary Visit:

Please do not hesitate to contact the school to visit us with your child before you register for our programme and do let us know if you have any questions. Email: info@britishschool.ch