

Play is seen as the child's work. Play is purposeful, exceedingly important, and serious. Activities chosen by the child are treated as important explorations. The developmental-interaction approach emphasizes the inseparability of the child's emotional life from his or her intellectual and physical development. Petite Graine Preschool provides developmentally appropriate activities and hands-on learning experiences.



(Reading and Writing)

- Was created to teach phonics using a **story-based approach**. The story logic engages students leading to long term retention of concepts. What's more, Letterland is wonderfully **multi-sensory**. It activates every learning channel through music, actions, alliteration, movement, song, art, games and role-play.



(Kindergarten 1 and Kindergarten 2)

Reading at school

Reading is one of the most important things your child will learn to do at school. Being able to read and developing a love of books and reading can have a hugely positive impact on your child's education, as well as bringing them lots of enjoyment.

Reading in Preschool

There are two elements to learning to read in preschool that your child will develop during their Kindergarten years: phonics and comprehension. All of the teaching and activities around reading that the school puts in place will be aimed at supporting one of these elements.

Phonics

In England, children are taught to read the words on the page using phonics. Phonics is an approach to reading that focuses on building words from sounds. A sound might be represented by a letter (such as 's' or 'm') or a group of letters (like 'ch' or 'igh'). In preschool, children will start by learning the letters and the sounds they make, and how to put them together to read simple words. For example, once they know the individual sounds for 's', 'a' and 't' they can blend them together to form the word 'sat'.

Comprehension

Good comprehension skills are vital in reading as they help children understand the meaning of the words, as well as supporting their vocabulary and knowledge of the world. In preschool, it is likely that children will be able to understand books and stories that are much more complicated than the books they can read by themselves, so most comprehension teaching will focus on children listening to books that are read to them and then talking about them.

Math

- To learn mathematical concepts using a three-step learning process: concrete, pictorial, and abstract.
- In the concrete step, students engage in hands-on learning experiences using concrete objects such as unifix cubes, counters, pattern blocks etc.
- This is followed by pictorial representations of mathematical concepts.
- Students then solve mathematical problems in an abstract way by using numbers and symbols.

Theme Discovery

- A theme is a topic that is explored in the preschool classroom in multiple ways. Thematic units provide one of the best avenues for integrating content areas. This is important because integrating content among subject areas help children make sense of segmented bits of knowledge. It helps them make connections, learn and apply it in meaningful ways.