



EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

1- The Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)

The curriculum is organized into six areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional development, Communication, Language and Literacy, Mathematical development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World, Creative development, Physical development. The learning in **Key Stages 1 and 2** follows the National Curriculum. Teachers plan an exciting and stimulating curriculum in order to promote active learning. A variety of learning styles are used to encourage independent and group learning and to developing thinking skills.

2- Literacy – English

All children have a daily English lesson and the basic skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing are given a high focus in all curriculum areas.

- **Reading**: Each classroom has a wide selection of books to encourage the children to want to read and to stimulate their interest in reading. They also have a large well stocked school library.
- **Writing**: From the moment the children come to school, they are eager to share their ideas and to put them down on paper. In the early years the children's own "writing" plays a vital role in their language development. They will be encouraged to write for a wide variety of purposes.
- **Spelling**: As the child develops, he/she will want to spell more and more words correctly and the teacher will work individually with each child to develop spelling and literacy, as well as punctuation.
- **Speaking and Listening**: The children are provided with a variety of situations and stimuli e.g. class and group discussion and drama activities to encourage both these skills.

3- Mathematics

Key Stages 1 and 2 follow the National Numeracy Strategy, which is taught throughout the school. This means that approximately an hour a day is set aside for the teaching of Numeracy. The curriculum is broken down into the teaching of number concepts with a daily session on mental maths and the teaching of topics such as length, weight, capacity, time, money and shape.

4- Background Information

The teachers plan, teach and assess to a high standard and ensure that all children make progress commensurate with their ability. Children with additional learning needs are well supported and each class has a full-time, highly trained Teaching Assistant or Nursery Nurse who works with the Class teacher to support the children's learning across the curriculum. Each term they monitor the progress of each child and target additional support where necessary.

5- Extra Curricular Activities

Students have the opportunity to join:

- Football Club
- Breakfast Club
- Maths Club
- Book Club
- Art Club
- Gymnastics sessions
- Choir (during lunch-time)
- School Council