



SUMMERHILL NURSERY SCHOOL

DAILY PROGRAMME

- A staff member is on duty from 06h30 to provide care and supervision for those parents who need an early start.
- **Academic Support and Extension takes place from 07h00-07h30**
- **Early morning snack is provided before Theme Discussion at 07h40**
- **School starts: 07h30.** The children busy themselves with a variety of classroom activities selected by the teacher.
- **Good Morning Lesson and Theme Discussion** followed by formal work period and group interaction with teacher from 08h00-09h30. Children practise fine motor skills: colouring, cutting, pasting and increase their abilities in numeracy, literacy and life skills. Other activities include: news time, puzzle building, educational games, movement to music and percussion, fantasy play, sensory play and water play.
- Computers, library, Buzzi Bodies, swimming, music, LEGO STEAM, Process Art and an integrated sports programme are also part of their days.
- Toilet and washing hands.
- **Constructive play: 10h00-12h00.** This is an extremely busy "learning through play" period with a choice of activities including:
Fine Motor Activities: Perceptual and construction activities, educational games, wooden blocks, dressing up, dough, cutting out creatively, drawing or pasting, waste material construction, use of Montessori equipment, pouring and measuring water, digging and moulding in sandpit.
Gross Motor Activities: Practising of fundamental skills needed to play cricket, soccer, tennis, netball, athletics and hockey. Constructive use of jungle gym and swings and this incorporates imaginative games with friends.
- Toilet and washing hands.
- **Lunch Break: 12h00-12h30** followed by story time.
- **1 - 4 year olds sleep between 11h30 and 13h00.** (Please supply blanket & pillow)
- **Pack bags and tidy classroom.**
- **Home Time: 13h00.**
- **Aftercare starts at 15h00: Monday - Friday. A Snack is provided.**
- Extra-mural activities included in the school fees during the school day before 13h15: Class swimming (Grade 000, 00 & 0), water activities, computers, music, library, Buzzi Bodies and Unplugged FriYay.
- Paid extra-murals: Karate, Dance Mouse, mini-golf, pottery, swimming and Little Kickers.
- We have an extended Holiday Care Programme for the holidays to provide gentle care for parents and children alike.

OUR PUPILS ARE CHILDREN WHO CAN...

Judge for themselves
Express their creative potential
Become technologically aware
Value and conserve the natural environment and its living creatures

FOOD REQUIREMENTS

- Each child is to bring wholesome food daily, enough to cover two breaks.
- Two sandwiches and a piece of fruit is the minimum requirement.
- We allow NO sugary foods, sweets or fizzy drinks.
- We love to celebrate your child's birthday: Please send a plain cake (not too much creamy icing) - we invite parents, grandparents etc. to join in.

WE EMPHASISE

Social development | Emotional development | Language development | Sensory-motor development
Cognitive development | Creative activities

WE OFFER

Small classes | A tranquil, secure environment | Personal attention | Computers, ball skills, water activities
Live theatre, puppet shows, workshops | Percussion instruments and movement to music
In-house Occupational and Speech Therapy Screenings



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EXTRA MURALS

- **READING EGGS AND MATH SEEDS**

Our Grade 0 + 00s are encouraged to log into Reading Eggs during the school day as one of their table top activities. This encourages pre-reading and maths skills to learners while at the same time strengthening their foundational knowledge.

- **LEGO STEAM PARK, SIMPLE MECHANICS RANGE AND CODING EXPRESS TRAIN.**

We run a fun, interactive and guided programme for all our grades in the nursery aimed at increasing their awareness to science, technology, engineering and mathematics through play.

- **POETRY EISTEDDFOD AND THE SANLAM PROCESS ART COMPETITION**

Our Grade 0 Classes eagerly participate in Eisteddfod Choral Verse-like preparations yearly and the Sanlam Process Art Competition, with amazing results.

- **OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND IMAGINATION STATION**

We actively partake in the global drive to expose our learners to as much "Learn-through-play" indoors and outdoors. Annually we concurrently run our classrooms outdoors with many international schools in support of this movement to encourage structured and fantasy play. Our Imagination Station encourages creative thinking through Art for the whole school.

- **UNPLUGGED FRIYAY!**

Each Friday, we take the time to unplug from our daily routines and explore a range of activities from baking, yoga, obstacle courses, beading, water play, discos, drumming etc. that get us outdoors and moving to a different rhythm.

- **MONTHLY WORKSHOPS**

Once a month we run a weekly workshop with our children to reinforce pertinent concepts that start from a young age. Appreciation and repetition in learning skills and concepts such as; friendship, anti-bullying, empathy, my body safety rules, stranger danger etc. Strong foundations begin at an early age!

- **SUNSHINE DRAMA**

A Foundation Phase, weekly extra mural Music Therapy lesson, that will assist your child to expand the mind, develop confidence, language development, mathematical skills, gross and fine motor skills as well as movement, rhythm and beat, all through the use of percussion instruments and music. We proudly introduce the Recorder (simple musical instrument) to all grades.

- **BUZZI BODIES, MINI-SPORTS AND YOUNG STEPS PROGRAMME**

This sports development programme identifies, nurtures and develops skills and talents in young children. Their unique programmes incorporate all learning areas of the curriculum and ensures that children develop the fundamental knowledge, skills and abilities that permit them to be confident while optimising their potential. In Mini-Sports, we identify and promote talent by encouraging exposure to Preparatory school coaching and participation, Young STEPS Programme.

- **NURSERY ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

We provide one-on-one teaching for children who need extra reinforcement in areas of their academic growth, to build strong foundations through the grades.

- **NURSERY EXTENSION PROGRAMME**

We provide extension packs for children who are ready for more. On top of this, we use Reading Eggs and other electronic platforms to further extend all our children with pre-reading and math skills in Grade 0.

- **ONCE UPON A TIME NURSERY LIBRARY**

We are proud to have a fully stocked Nursery Library catered for ECD and Grade 0 children. Though this space we create a love of reading and a curiosity for the world around them.

- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AS WELL AS SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**

We have a team of experts that work on-site to assist with remediation. Free screening takes place should the teacher and or parent feel it would assist identifying a learner is struggling in.

- **LETTERLAND**

For 15 years we have used this phenomenal phonics programme to nurture pre-reading and writing skills in the younger grades.

- **VALIDATION**

Lastly, but most importantly, we validate our children in our Friday assemblies with "Star of the Week" certificates for outstanding achievements and qualities they have demonstrated. Together with our "Ask me what I have done" badges, positive behaviour is constantly reinforced. Further, we encourage regular participation in our extension programmes in reading and maths, awarding "Star" badges at different levels for excellence and participation, as well as Heart to Heart badges for our recycling Eco-Warriors.



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