



## Lasona Preschool Curriculum

Lasona prepares children for preschool from the age of 4 years and above. We provide learning experiences which foster and encourage skills in an enjoyable and playful way.

### **Functional skills**

#### **1. From large to small muscles**

The child is able to control a pencil using his or her fine motor through activities like cutting with scissors, hammering, sewing, threading, modelling with dough, tearing, sorting and grouping using fingers and use of tweezers among others.

#### **2. Spatial awareness**

We use different techniques in preparation for writing since writing requires that a child moves his or her hands across the page from left to right, in doing so, he needs to cross the midline.

To reinforce this, we use:

- Patterns
- Insets for design
- Downward strokes
- Clockwise and anticlockwise
- Diagonals
- Direct changes (use of varied tools and methods)
- Handed preference
- Grip
- Position of the paper
- Posture
- Concrete hands-on materials

Preparing children for learning how to write, has to do with the development of necessary physical skills, as well as the awareness that writing consists of symbols and signs which convey meaning.

Pre- writing skills provide the child with a base for later formal learning when he will be required to write about a variety of subjects.

Prewriting skills are a natural extension of a child's developmental levels as he/she refines physical skills and the ability to interpret on a symbolic level.

There are four stages in the development of pre-writing skills: the initial stages, the intermediate stage, the pre-formal stage and the purposeful graphic representation stage.

These stages may be compared to corresponding stages in the child's drawing development. They are an extension of the child's logical and natural development.

## **AREAS WE TACKLE IN PRESCHOOL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

### **1. LITERACY**

- Pattern writing
- Tracing
- Drawing different lines
- Name writing
- Storytelling and retelling of stories
- Introduction to letter sounds and alphabets using sandpaper letters
- Matching and pairing word pictures
- Pre- writing activities
- Games

### **2. NUMERACY**

- Rote counting
- Number recognition
- Number value
- Shapes
- Measurements

- Time
- Number writing
- Simple addition
- Games

### **3. EXPERIMENTS**

- Floating and sinking activities
- Shadow
- Sucking and squeezing
- Mixing colors using pipettes
- Direction of the wind
- Use of compass to follow directions