

# A child's garden

Kinder (children) + garten (garden)



Children are active.

They explore the garden.

They make choices.

They discover what's in the garden.

They develop language by talking to one another.

They play.

They are creative.

**What kindergarten is not –**

Boring

The same every day

A high-pressured work production centre

## **Exploring the garden**

How does the teacher create this garden?

**Colours**

**Shapes**

**Sounds**

**Learning about the Creation**

**Outside activities**

## **What is play-based learning?**

### **Principles of play-based learning**

Painting, drawing, cutting, gluing, modeling with play-dough, listening to stories, looking at picture books, exploring the creation, building with blocks, playing with toys such as cars, dolls, home-centre, shops; puzzles, pretending with dress-ups and puppets, climbing, waterplay, sand play, sorting, making music and dancing.

**What are the children learning while doing these things?**

## Age groups

### Expectation of skills to be mastered in the kindergarten year (4 years old)

- Cutting and pasting
- Perseverance (*Ask children to try hard to do something that they find difficult*)
- Drawing a recognizable human figure
- Forming a circle in a group. (*Teacher gives instructions to stand up and hold hands.*)
- Counting to 10 (or 20) and number recognition to 10 (or 20)
- Colour recognition
- Shape recognition (circle, square etc.)
- Recognizing their name written on a card, and later, write their name.
- Learning the initial sounds of the alphabet.  
Use pictures or objects, *e.g. show three pictures or objects: an apple, an orange and a banana. Ask, "Which one starts with the 'a' sound." At this stage don't use letter name yet.*

## Expectations for 5-year-old children

- All expectations for 4-year-old kindergarten should be continued PLUS:
- Recognition of letters of the alphabet using sound names; matching letters to pictures of objects
- Writing letters of the alphabet
- Making up a 'sentence' about a picture they have drawn, (but not writing the sentence.)

## Activity Centres

What is an activity centre?





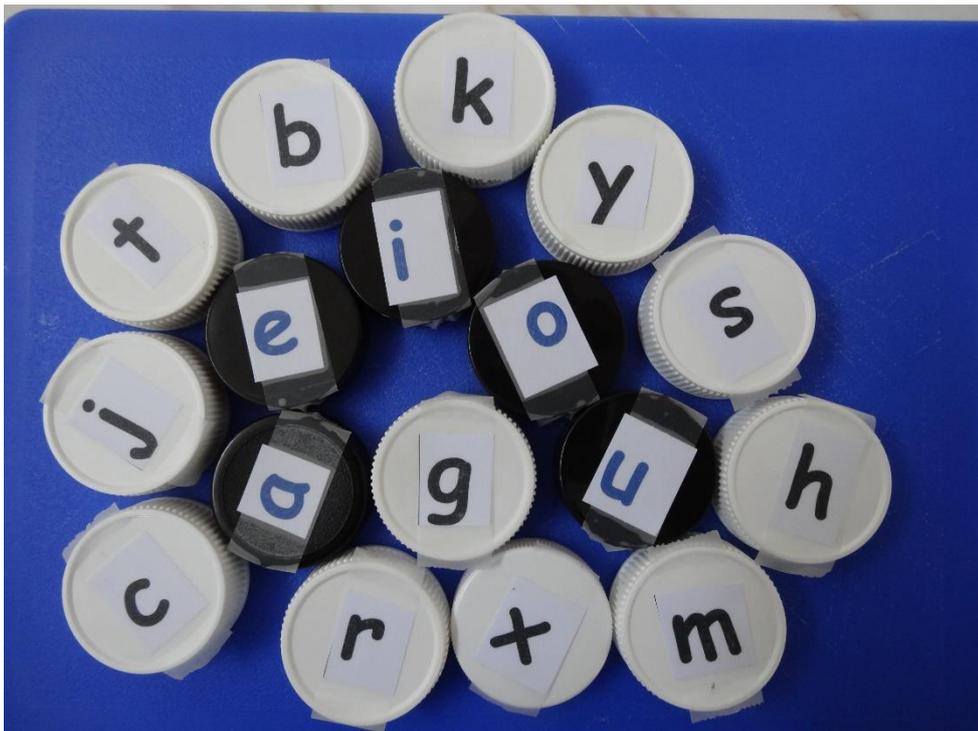












## What activity centres do we need?

**Dramatic Play areas**

**Building area**

**Toys on a rotation basis**

**Puzzles table**

**Playdough table**

**Painting area**

**Drawing area**

**Quiet Area**

**Outside play area including sand and water play.**

