



Loreto Convent School, Gibraltar

NURSERY 1

Our main aim in Nursery 1 is to ensure your child is happy and settles into a routine that will prepare them for school life. We aim to provide a loving caring environment where your child will thrive and learn through play. Through play children can develop social and cognitive skills, develop emotionally and gain the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences and environments.

- The school gate will open for nursery children at 8.15 am and close promptly at 9.00 am.
- Please inform us of any change of arrangements **in writing** to the teacher and to the office (email admin@loreto.gi)
- Please ensure that every item is clearly labelled e.g. clothes, bag, drinks bottles, dummy, Tupperware.
- Please bring nappies (not pull ups unless toilet training) wet wipes and a snack.
- If your child has a comforter please bring this to school, this could help settle your child into nursery.

STRUCTURE OF THE DAY

- Free play
- One-to-one teacher lead activities.
- Art
- Break
- Carpet time (stories, singing etc.)
- Outside play

Weekly activities

- Sensory play
- P.E. on Tuesdays & Wednesdays
- Chapel (prayers and singing) on Friday
- Music time on Mondays



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Areas of learning

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE.

- Encourage speech through play and singing.
- Story time is an important time to develop the children's language.
- Encourage to verbalise as well as point to objects.
- Follow simple directions "come and show me the car"

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Develop fine motor skills during tabletop games and activities, such as Playdough and threading.
- Fine motor skill activities such as sensory play are taught to encourage strength in the fingers and hand. This in turn prepares them for pre-writing skills in Foundation Stage 1.
- Develop gross motor skills through outside play, P.E, and action songs.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Learn to share with other children and adults by playing games together.
- Help the children to adapt to the new surroundings by creating a colourful stimulating caring environment.
- Build up confidence to become more independent.
- Help the children develop a high self-esteem by praising the children for any accomplishment they achieve no matter how big or small.
- Encourage pretend play through the toys they play with.

LITERACY

- We encourage the children to look at books to become familiar with them.
- We give the children a different range of activities to encourage fine motor skill.



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UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Learns about the different textures through sensory play.
- The children learn to follow routine of the nursery day.

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

- Encourage the children to move their whole bodies to music and sound.
- The children learn to listen to music and are encouraged to join in with rhymes and songs.

MATHEMATICS

- Develop an awareness of numbers through nursery rhymes and songs.
- Introduce rote counting by clapping and saying the numbers to 10.

TOPICS

Our topics allow for the children to develop skills within the Early Years Areas of Learning. The topics change monthly.

September - National Day. Craft activities ready to take home to celebrate Gibraltar National Day.

October/November - Nursery Rhymes

- Humpty Dumpty
- Here is the Beehive
- 3 Blind Mice
- Jack and Jill

These are some of the nursery rhymes we cover during carpet time. The activities we do with the children help the nursery rhymes come alive.

December – Christmas - The children will make lots of Christmas decorations whilst also learning the true meaning of Christmas. 'Happy birthday Jesus'.



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January/February/March – Noah’s Ark – The children learn about animals and how to care for each other, followed by the Rainbow of Hope. We will also participate in World Book Day based on the book, Walking through the Jungle.

April – Easter – Not only a time for chocolate a time to remember Jesus and the celebration of new life (bunnies and chicks).

May – Oliver’s Vegetables – The children will learn about growing foods and where they come from.

June – Under the Sea – We will learn all about their favourite sea animals and what lives under the ocean.

Correct pencil grip is very important for writing activities

