PRE-SCHOOL

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Where Little Minds Grow

At Oslo International School, our Pre-School welcomes children from around the world into a nurturing, vibrant community that seamlessly bridges to our Primary programme.

Designed for children aged 3 to 5, we offer a safe and engaging environment where young learners embark on an exciting journey that lays the foundation for lifelong learning and friendships.

Our Pre-School programme nurtures cooperation, confidence, and a love of learning. We emphasize emotional and social growth, helping children understand their feelings and build respectful relationships, while fostering physical development through purposeful activities.

Our goal is to create a happy, secure space where each child is valued as an individual, progressing at their own pace and developing holistically.

We strive to make this first school experience a positive foundation, allowing our students to become curious, enthusiastic learners.

International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)

The International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) is a globally recognised framework that fosters the holistic development of the child. The Curriculum emphasises a balanced approach to social, emotional and academic growth, and focuses on theme-based learning to inspire curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.

Rooted in a child-centred philosophy, the IEYC connects seamlessly with the child's natural interests, offering interactive activities and hands-on exploration. This approach encourages self-expression, collaboration with peers, and the development of essential skills within a supportive and stimulating environment.

Some examples of our IEYC topics: *Mindful Play, Press it, Click It!, Busy Builders, Blast off!, Dinosaur Detectives, Let's Have a Party!*

"Our Pre-School programme helps children learn to cooperate, play happily with others, build confidence, and develop a natural curiosity about the world around them.

–Milla Bjerke, Pre-School Leader

Playing: A Child's Most Important Job

Play is at the heart of the Pre-School experience. Through play, we aim to spark curiosity, build connections, and nurture the early foundations of social and academic growth.

Each day, children enjoy at least one hour of outdoor play, as well as weekly local outings that enrich their experiences beyond the confines of the school gate. These activities are often tailored to the season such as nature school during the summer and autumn, and ski school during the winter. Pre-school students also attend swimming lessons.

Our engaging outdoor spaces—complete with mud kitchen, playhouse, bike area, and football pitch—offer many opportunities for exploration, creativity, and imaginative play. Staff observe and actively guide play, ensuring children develop social skills and friendships in a supportive learning environment.

We maintain strong partnerships with parents through regular meetings, focusing on each child's social development. This collaborative approach aligns with our commitment to inclusivity, and reinforces our anti-bullying efforts, promoting healthy and happy play interactions.

Connecting: Language & Communication

We recognise that language and communication are fundamental to a child's development, enabling them to make friends, express needs, and build confidence.

For many of our students, English is an additional language. To support their journey, we foster a warm and inclusive atmosphere where they feel encouraged to communicate and thrive.

By nurturing these skills, we minimise frustration, promote positive interactions, and empower children to express themselves meaningfully.

Language learning is integrated naturally into daily activities such as reading, singing, playing, and role-playing. Pairing non-native English speakers with native speakers fosters peer learning and enhances language development, ensuring every child feels connected and empowered in their communication journey.

Our curriculum incorporates evidence-based programmes like *Monster Phonics* to strengthen language acquisition, making learning both engaging and effective.

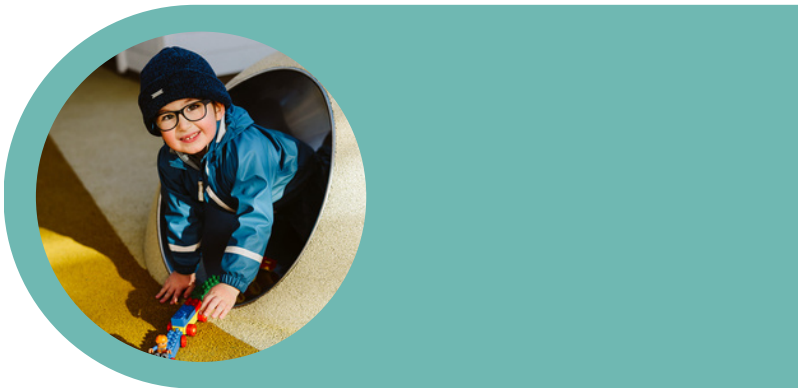
Discovering: Maths, Science & Technology

In our Pre-School, maths, science, and technology are seamlessly integrated into everyday learning.

Maths comes alive through playful activities, from counting rocks during outdoor exploration to engaging play-based experiences, aiming to spark curiosity and build a strong foundation for school.

Our classrooms are well equipped with materials for hands-on experiments, encouraging children to explore topics connected to their *IEYC* curriculum while also initiating their own ideas and investigations.

Weekly visits to the Digital Skills lab introduce early tech skills, where children use laptops for educational games, typing, and drawing.



In class, iPads, bee-bots and Code-a-pillars introduce fun, interactive coding basics. We utilise programmes like *EYMaths (Subitising)* and *Stepping Stones* to help promote mathematical appreciation.

Following the Norwegian National Framework

At Oslo International School, we follow the Norwegian Pre-School Law (*Lov om Barnehager*) and the National Framework (*Rammeplan*), which focus on care, play, learning, character, and cultural values to support holistic child development.

Norwegian law states that kindergarten programmes should be comprehensive, varied, and tailored to each child and group, fostering play, creativity, exploration, and wonder. The programme supports holistic development of the child in a happy, culturally rich environment. Safe, engaging physical spaces are designed to encourage active participation, with accessible toys and materials for all children.

We adhere to these standards and prioritise play as the foundation for meaningful, enjoyable learning. By fostering curiosity, exploration, and creativity through diverse materials, technology, books, music and games, we help children build knowledge and skills for the future.

For further information about the Norwegian National Framework, please consult: www.udir.no or www.lovdata.no

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