

I need to learn about the world around me by:

Finding out what things are called, how they work, where they come from, what they are made of and who makes them. How things feel, taste, smell, look and sound. Will they hurt me? And how do they grow or develop?

I may get dirty, wet or even a little hurt while I am finding out about things—but if I make a discovery—then its been worthwhile

I may have difficulty explaining or understanding my feelings at a young age BUT:

I can act them out in play

I can express them in my art

I can find activities to let off steam

Books open my world of make believe. I love being read to and learn to listen concentrate and remember stories

Puzzles are fun and I learn about shapes, colours and how to place pieces. My hand-eye coordination develops as does my memory and concentration

Dough is fun & it helps me build muscles in my hands

Blocks develop my building and balance skills. I learn lots of maths concepts like shapes, and conservation of number



Through interesting objects and activities I begin to learn about the world around me.

I am happy when I sing. I learn many songs ,music games, and all about instruments and how to play them. I develop a sense of rhythm.



In a movement game I learn to cooperate and join with others. I enjoy using my body and learn new ways to move it.



Sand & water are basic activities I love! The way the sand and water mixes is a nice sensation, and I learn science & math's concepts in the process.

With carpentry, I work with real tools and acquire the skills of keeping safe and using proper equipment.



In adventure play, I construct my own 'towers, huts and castles' I learn to organise and direct my play while learning about safety limits. My physical strengths grow!

What do I learn at Bulimba Child Care Centre?



Firstly & Most Importantly ...

- I learn to be away from you—my parents—and this may take me some time
- I learn to work with teachers and other adults
- I learn to work with large groups of children
- I learn to work alone
- I learn to share and cooperate
- I learn simple rules and routines
- I learn to complete a task or activity
- I learn to question or answer
- I learn to be independent but not afraid to ask for help
- I learn to select or choose
- I learn to share my family or experiences with others



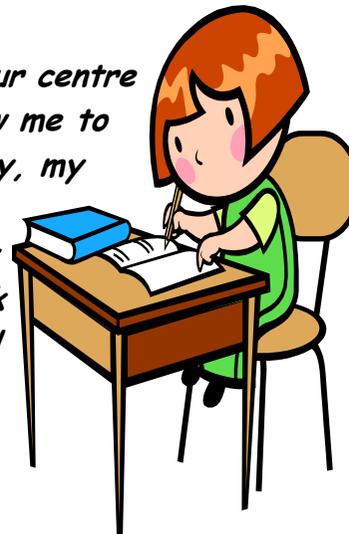
I need to learn all of these skills to grow into a happy, healthy person



Before I learn to write I need to:

- Know what happens when I put pencils and paint to paper
- Be able to hold a pencil or brush comfortably
- Have time to firstly scribble, draw circles & make shapes before I am able to draw things or letters. This may take a long time.
- Enjoy drawing & painting in order to learn to write
- Learn about letters & words (eg: my name) how they are formed and what order they go in
- I need you to praise & encourage me even if you cannot see what I have created
- I need lots of practice, plenty of paper, paint & pens

All the activities at our centre are provided to allow me to develop my curiosity, my imagination and through my enjoyment my concentration. Talk to me about them and my language will grow too



Before I can learn to read, I need to know:

- What a book is
- That it contains words and pictures
- That these words are what is read
- That a book has a beginning & end, a back & front
- I may begin to understand that reading (& writing) is done from left to right, top to bottom & that each printed word represents one spoken word.
- I need to learn to love and care for books in order to want to read.
- I may not learn all these pre-reading skills before I am 5, but I will learn some of them
- Books are enjoyable—I can find out such a lot of things
- My language & listening skills grow with lots of stories, poems, singing, puppets, games and music