

# The 3-4 year olds



at The First Steps International Pre-school

Welcome to the 3-4 year olds at The First Steps. The children in this age group will have their fourth birthday during the academic year, which starts on 29<sup>th</sup> August. The following information will give you an insight into the curriculum for this age group and the way in which is taught. I hope you will find it useful.

Topics - usually lasting half a term - are selected as a focus for learning and for the development of skills. Details of Topic-based activities in which your child will be involved will be sent to you during the year.

On-going experiences which focus on the acquisition of early literacy and numeracy skills are planned and taught according to the children's needs. Planned play activities include opportunities for the children to develop reading, writing and number skills.

Play and experimentation continue to be a major part of each child's day. Both structured and free play are crucial to learning they should be "busy playing". Play activities include all aspects of creative work-drawing, painting, printing, sewing, modeling, singing and making music, role-playing, building, making patterns and cooking. There is time set aside each day for vigorous play in the garden and regular swimming sessions.