



Starfish

Starfish is a robust preschool English course that guides learning through inquiry and is based on the UNESCO's five Pillars of Education. Throughout its 8 units, which are launched with a Big Question, kids explore, inquire, discover, learn, and have fun following their natural curiosity. English language skills are acquired by constant exposure to the language as students learn about literacy, math, phonemic awareness, science, and artistic expression, among other topics.

Highlights

- ★ Based on UNESCO's 5 Pillars of Education
A different subject per day (Literacy, Phonemic Awareness, Mathematical Thinking, Physical Development & Health, Language and Communication, Exploration and Knowing of the World, Artistic Expression, Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Preschool

- ★ 3 levels
- ★ 8 – 12 hrs/week
- ★ Methodology: Inquiry-based Learning and CLIL
- ★ Big Questions
- ★ 21st Century Skills
- ★ Differentiated Instruction

Methodology

Inquiry-based learning is an approach to learning that emphasizes the student's role in the learning process. Rather than the teacher telling students what they need to know, students are encouraged to explore the material, ask questions, and share ideas. Instead of memorizing facts and material, students learn by doing. They build knowledge through exploration and experience.

- ★ CLIL refers to situations where subjects are taught through a foreign language with dual-focused aims: the learning of content and the simultaneous learning of a foreign language.

Resources for teachers and Students

Teacher

- ★ Teacher's Guide
- ★ Active Teach
- ★ 80 Flashcards per level
- ★ 8 Posters (1 per unit)
- ★ 2 Mathematical Thinking Posters
- ★ 1 Big Book per level
- ★ 1 Puppet

Student
Student's Book
Learning Linker

Advantages of Big Questions

1. We learn about life through questions. It is scientifically proven that we learn about life by asking questions. Children naturally start learning about the world by observing, testing, and asking “why”.
2. The more we question, the better answers we get.
3. Questioning makes you open. Questions form new patterns in the brain. The more patterns it forms, the more flexible it becomes. With flexibility, it can access more information already stored in your brain instead of reverting to the old patterns.
4. Questioning makes you wiser.



Tips for teaching anytime and anywhere using the program

- ★ Hybrid learning is a combination of online learning, face to face interaction and parental involvement.
- ★ With young children, parental involvement is essential to help kids function in their virtual classrooms.
- ★ The most important part of hybrid learning for young children is the opportunity for kids to have fun and stay connected.
- ★ Teachers should give them tools and activities that they enjoy.
- ★ Teachers should also include some on screen interaction to maintain students' social connections.
- ★ Start the class with small, simple activities that get the children moving if possible, and use familiar greetings, activities and routines from your in-person learning to make the children feel comfortable.
- ★ Acknowledge every child individually when they're on screen. For example, ask them to show an important item from home and present it to the group. This keeps them interested and actively engaged.
- ★ Keep in mind that young children can only concentrate for 10 to 30 minutes at a time, so it's important to keep activities short.
- ★ If a children do not want to participate, let it go and give the option to express themselves through pictograms or drawings. For example, you can ask a child to draw a face of how they're feeling. This gives them time to practice socio-emotional skills, which is very important during hybrid learning.