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## THE EARLY YEARS CENTRE FS1

## At GEMS Wellington Academy, Al Khail (WEK) located in Dubai Hills

Give your child the best possible Early Years education in Foundation Stage One (FS1) at The Academy's Early Years Centre. We follow the English 'Early Years Foundation Stage' (E.Y.F.S.) curriculum which is shaped by prime and specific areas of learning. The prime areas include Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; and Physical Development. The specific areas are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. These broad areas of learning help our youngest children to learn and develop holistically.

The play-based classroom and adjoining outdoor play areas are carefully designed, creating learning spaces which fully support development across the EYFS curriculum. Learning opportunities are carefully planned around the interests of the children so they can lead, take ownership and become immersed in their learning. We support the

children to develop their skills progressively in exciting, fun and creative ways to achieve the highest standards possible. We also provide 'hooks' or 'scenarios' to support their ideas and to really engage the children in their new learning experiences.

Our highly-skilled teachers are knowledgeable about how young children learn best and support this through both adult-guided activities and by stepping in as a 'play partner' to facilitate learning through play. A range of programmes to develop key 'pre' skills are included within the day to ensure that the children will meet the milestones at the end of the Foundation Stage journey ahead of Primary School. These include a range of specialised sound, music and movement programmes, taught daily, which provide a strong foundation for writing and develop auditory discrimination skills in preparation for synthetic phonics teaching.

> To further enrich our curriculum, we also offer additional specialist sessions led by our expert specialist teachers which include weekly Arabic, Music and Physical Education (P.E.). We also offer our FS1 children swimming in the final term to develop early water confidence. We regularly celebrate our children's learning through a variety of performances and celebratory events in our school auditorium.

The school day begins at 7:50am and finishes at 12:30pm for FS1 children. We understand that families may also need access to high-quality childcare beyond the school day. We therefore offer an exciting and engaging extended childcare programme that builds on the key skills that form the foundations of child development.



- Purpose-designed FS1 provision for children aged 3-4 years old
- Play-based learning to build strong social skills, early independence and self-regulation
- · Promoting a positive sense of self
- Building secure foundations in communication and language, including daily music and movement programmes
- Developing confidence with concepts of print and 'early number sense' in preparation for FS2









GEMS Wellington Academy - Al Khail, Exit No.18, Dubai Hills, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

We see **genius** in every child

