

## **Early Years English for Teachers**

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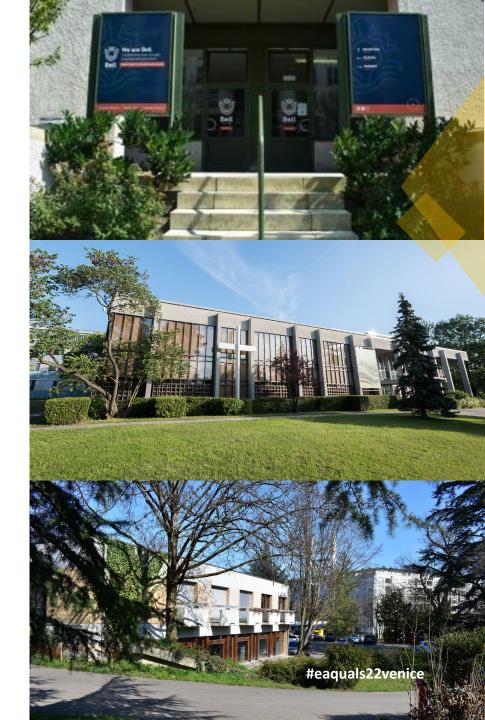
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## Introducing Bell Switzerland

## Pre-school to Professional

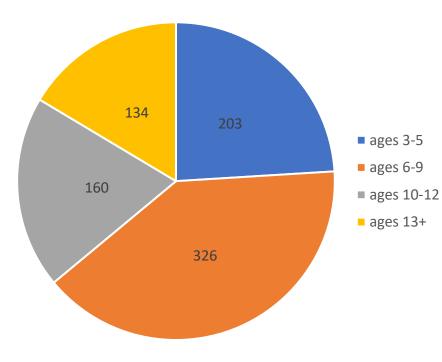


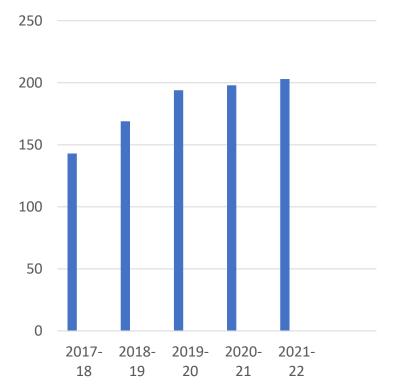
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## **Our Young Learners**





U-6s



- International community; NGOs, Int Orgs, Missions
- International language / Swiss 4<sup>th</sup> official language
- Population; Geneva 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest
- Expats
- Free Wednesday for U-8s
- Younger siblings
- Parents' experience / aspirations



- Incorporate more classes in the YL programme;
  - increase in room requirement
- Staff: Use Nursery Staff to lead EYE classes

Pair YL Teachers alongside Nursery staff

• Develop training workshops / coaching for teachers



## **Constraints of EYE classes**

- To consider;
- Curriculum; which one?
- Learning Outcomes
- Student progression
- Facilities;
- classroom size, furniture, toys & equipment
- Ability to meet needs of students
- Staff; experienced, trained, qualified?
- Local authority regulations ;
- (ratios, age of students, hours in class, space)
- Safeguarding
- Ensuring best practice





## Curriculum

#### Early Years English; 2 year programme (20 topics)

- 1. All about me (my body)
- 2. Autumn
- 3. Traditional Tales
- 4. The Festive Season
- 5. Winter (snow)
- 6. On the Farm
- 7. Spring
- 8. Mini Beasts
- 9. Transport
- 10. Our Community

- 1. How do you feel today (emotions)
- 2. Clothes
- 3. Traditional Tales
- 4. Celebrations
- 5. Winter sports
- 6. Water
- 7. This is where I live
- 8. Food
- 9. Dinosaurs
- 10. Under the Sea



# Incorporating EYE student and teacher needs

#### Students :

- Play
- Have fun
- Social contact
- Change of activities
- Variety of activities / toys
- Relative learning
- Rest or quiet time
- Refreshment
- Safe and welcoming environment
- Security

#### **Teachers:**

- Experience being in a EYE classroom
- Observe children at play in class
- Recognise children's needs
- Know what can children do, like to do
- Have a basic understanding of child development and L2 acquisition
- Know how children learn through play
- Know how to manage a class of U-6s
- How to make language accessible and useable
- Have realistic expectations



- Growth in demand for 3-6s
- Lack of experienced teachers
- Stand alone workshops not enough
- VYL training provision
- No VYL / EYE practical experience or teacher observations
- Pilot course designed



#### • Course Modules;

- Child Development
- Learning through Play
- Language and Communication
- Classroom management
- How to plan for VYLs
- Assessment of children's learning (Learning outcomes)

#### Classroom Observations

- Analysis of children's learning and play (what obs examples and how language links)
- Reflection and research
- How to get the best out of the children
- The impact of social and emotional development on learning
- Implementing best practice

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## **Types of Play**



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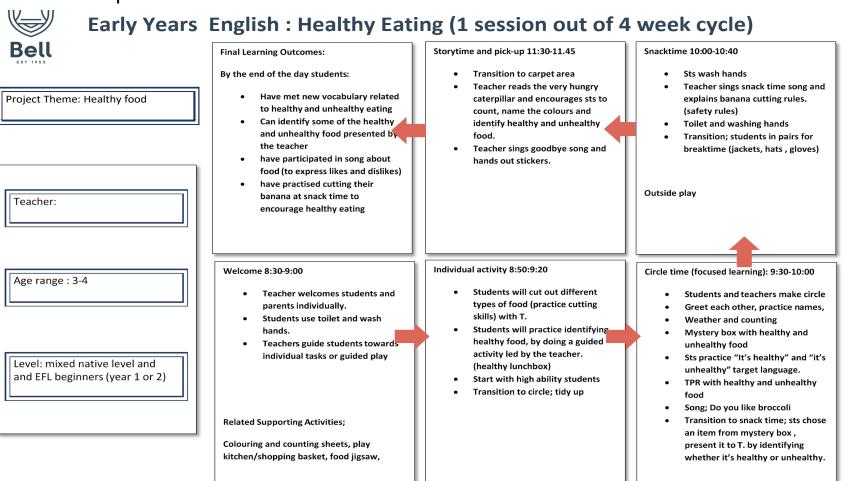
Learning through Play;



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How to plan for VYLs





## Bell Switzerland Teaching Academy Early Years English for Teachers

- Blended learning solution
- Course / curriculum development externally
- Accreditation

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