

What are 21st century skills?

The 21st century skills are life skills that refer to knowledge, literacies and proficiencies that prepare individuals to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century world. Our courses support children in their personal, social and emotional development as well as in developing important 21st century skills such as creativity, leadership and critical thinking. There are specially formulated activities and engagement with a variety of media to help children gain these life skills naturally. We developed our six key life skills according to the '6Cs' framework developed by Michael Fullan and Maria Langworthy (2013), and UNESCO's transversal skills (2013):

- Creativity and imagination – generate original ideas, solve problems appropriate to the contexts and use thinking skills to resolve a difficulty and determine the best course of action
- Leadership and personal development – self-regulate, be responsible for contributing to the safety and benefit of others and eager for life-long learning
- Citizenship – address issues of human and environmental sustainability, work towards a fairer world in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue and to be a citizen of their own country and their own country's values
- Critical thinking and problem solving – draw out meaning from given data or statements, generate and evaluate arguments, and make their own judgements
- Digital literacy – use technology as a tool to seek, absorb, analyse, manage and present information critically and intelligently in an information age and a globalised economy
- Collaboration and communication – engage effectively in tasks and teamwork, benefit from collaborative relationships and interact with people and express ideas effectively.

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