



Immersive English Academy

OUR STORY

WHO, WHY, HOW

LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Within our 3 establishments in Paris, we offer a pedagogical approach entirely thought out and designed to promote **the learning of English, development of self-confidence, and to convey human values and an openness to the world...**

Since 2016, The Garden Academy has welcomed children from 2 to 5 years old to our preschool and kindergarten program, and children up to 10 years old to our after-school program, as well as extracurricular activities.

In a 100% English speaking environment in preschool, then a bilingual French/English kindergarten, the students of The Garden Academy assimilate to the English language effortlessly through immersion and experiences.

EXPERIENCES

Supervised by our team of Native English speaking teachers who are trained in active teaching methods, children memorize English through hands-on experience with and exposure to the language. Vocabulary of everyday life, learning through singing, through games, through challenges: each child has their own experience which facilitates the assimilation of new notions.



Positively impacting the life of each student both academically and personally is our greatest challenge.

The Garden Academy



○ Preschool

2 - 3 years old

○ Kindergarten

3 - 5 years old

○ After School

3 - 10 years old



100% English Immersion

American, British, Australian, and Irish teachers and speakers...

Franco-American pedagogical approach

Importance of writing, collaborative workshops, oral expression...

Variety and quality of activities

Music, yoga, gardening, chess, theatre...

Multiple active pedagogies

Montessori, Freinet, STEM, Reggio Emilia...



At the heart of our learning, there are your children. They are the reason we teach as we do with method and discernment, compassion, and high standards, with the know-how and interpersonal skills to further their development.



Thomas, founder of
The Garden Academy

EXPOSURE TIME

“All children acquire languages distributionally. This means that they learn language from simple exposure. The more they are exposed to a language the better they will be able to speak it and understand it.” This is explained by **Andrès LARA, PhD student in Phonetics and Phonology at the Sorbonne Nouvelle and former teacher at The Garden Academy.** “Language immersive schools are a great way to provide these opportunities for exposure. These schools recreate different everyday life situations where a child is required to use the target language.”

OUR OBJECTIVES

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LOVE TO LEARN

We use pedagogies geared towards communication, creativity, and autonomy. Our inclusive, cultural, and artistic approach aims to make learning a pleasant experience that each child will appreciate. Our individualized methods and our small class sizes offer each child, whatever their language level, all the space necessary to express themselves and progress.

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CRITICAL FEELINGS

In an adapted and stimulating setting, we allow each child to broaden their range of possibilities. We want them to develop their autonomy to discover for themselves what they enjoy, what they're good at, to live their own experience, and to form their own opinions.

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Education should not serve only to provide curriculum, but to prepare the citizens of tomorrow, to enable them to cross borders, to see big and far, with concern and respect for the planet. In our schools, children of different nationalities and cultures meet and grow together.



OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

ACTIVE PEDAGOGIES

Our teachers are trained in active pedagogies which allow children to gain autonomy, sharpen their critical sense and progress at their own pace. We use the methods of Maria Montessori, Freinet, Reggio Emilia and the American STEM approach which are constantly adapting to the needs of each child.

LET THE MUSIC PLAY!

In addition to academic lessons, a major place is given to the arts, and especially to music in order to promote children's creativity and language development. Our speakers, artists and educators, communicate through their passionate teaching which promotes the assimilation of concepts and the pleasure of learning! Apart from the arts, the children are also invited to discover practical workshops such as cooking and gardening in order to develop their autonomy while enriching their vocabulary for everyday life.



It is our role to nurture and encourage children's natural ability to innovate and imagine. Creativity is the cornerstone of children's success and growth.

Rhea, Director of
The Garden Academy



FRANCO-AMERICAN EDUCATION

While adhering to the base knowledge and skills of French National Education, The Garden Academy has designed its own teaching program by mixing the American school approach, which favors group work and project-based learning, as well as the practice of oral expression with importance given to sports and the arts.

FULL POTENTIAL

Each child follows their own pace in order to develop their full potential. We take into account their motivation, their abilities and their personality to offer them the appropriate teaching methods. Montessori, Freinet, Reggio Emilia, STEM... we use all these active pedagogies, while also adapting our methods to each individual child's needs.

EARLY LEARNING

Until the age of 5 or 6, a child is able to reproduce sounds and imitate an accent to perfection. It is a period during which they create neurological paths that will allow them to progress and then practice a second, third and fourth language! The more they grow, the more they lose these natural abilities. This is the advantage of learning at an early age.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL

At all three of our establishments The Garden Academy offers a year in preschool for 2 year olds which takes place entirely in English and according to active pedagogies. We welcome children to our full or half-day program. Students can have any level of English, whether they have spoken it or not, come from a bilingual background, or are completely English speaking.

By familiarizing your child with English from an early age, you allow them to benefit from a strong and deep anchoring of the language. A true second language which they will naturally integrate into their daily life.

PERSONALIZED APPROACH

Our positive pedagogy of learning and valuing the child allows each of our students to progress and develop at their own pace, calmly and confidently. Our teaching takes place in an adapted environment within classes not exceeding 12 children per teacher.

MONTESSORI AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Depending on the development of each child and according to the relevance of methods, our teachers use different active pedagogical approaches. The Montessori pedagogy takes into account the rhythm, strengths, and challenges of each child. The Freinet method advocates experimental trial and error, Reggio Emilia education promotes inventiveness and creativity, and the American STEM approach aims to strengthen critical thinking.

MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES

Our teachers in the preschool program develop children's curiosity and autonomy by offering them a wide range of activities. In addition to the academic subjects such as phonetics, literacy, and fundamental mathematical principles, we invite them to explore the practice of yoga, using mindful meditation, gardening, and the arts, with special attention paid to music and singing, which remain at the center of our learning.





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Arrivals & Free Play 🖐️

Circle Time : Theme & Vocabulary 📖

Activities : Yoga, Sensory, Art 🧘

Park & Snack 🌳

Story Time 📖

Activities : Phonics, Counting, Music, Dancing 🎵

Lunch 🍽️

Nap / Quiet Time 🛌

Montessori Workshops 🎨

Cognitive workshops, fine & gross motor skills,
math concepts, STEM 🧩

Preschool & Kindergarten
End of Day

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLOSURES

We follow the French school calendar for Zone C and close our establishments 16 weeks a year in order to organize immersive vacation camps in English that are accessible from 3 years old.

Autumn Vacation - 2 weeks

Christmas Vacation - 2 weeks

Winter Vacation - 2 weeks

Spring Vacation - 2 weeks

Summer Vacation - 8 weeks

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN

We have kindergarten in all 3 of our establishments for children from 3 to 5 years old. As part of a unique program with American influences, lessons are given in English in the morning and French in the afternoon. We welcome children of all levels in English. Our activities are adapted to groups that are formed according to their backgrounds and profiles.

COURSE OF STUDY

While adhering to the base knowledge and skills of French National Education, The Garden Academy has designed its own teaching program by mixing the American school approach, which favors group work and project-based learning. Small class sizes (12 children max per teacher) promote public speaking and allow children to work on their confidence.

ACTIVE EDUCATION

In an adapted approach, our teachers use active pedagogies. When Montessori takes into account the rhythm, strengths, and challenges of a child, the Freinet method advocates experimental trial and error. Reggio Emilia education promotes inventiveness and creativity, while the STEM approach aims to strengthen critical thinking. Depending on the proposed activity and the profile of each child, the teacher will use the appropriate method.

EDUCATION MONITORING

The activities we offer follow a theme that changes every two weeks (feelings, animals, outer space, etc.). Around these themes are detailed and specific objectives for each level of English proficiency in vocabulary, structure, grammar, through both oral and written skills (depending on age). The child's progress is assessed during the year and a personalized learning plan is completed twice a year by the teaching team and then communicated to the family.

ARTISTIC WORKSHOPS

In addition to academic subjects, our teachers in the kindergarten program offer many artistic workshops, sports and games, as well as practical life lessons such as cooking and gardening. Teachers have the aim of developing children's autonomy and enriching their vocabulary of daily life. Music and singing are at the heart of our learning. A language is, above all else, a series of sounds, a melody and rhythm which children assimilate and then learn to use.



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Montessori Workshops 🎨

French Workshops 🇫🇷

Kindergarten End of Day



OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

AFTER-SCHOOL

The After-School program is taught completely in English and is organized at our 3 locations on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays until 6:30pm. We also offer full day Wednesday programs and classes on Saturday mornings. Our native English-speaking teaching team offers children total immersion in English through fun, hands-on activities with rich educational content.

DIVERSITY

Our After-School activities are open to children from ages 3 to 10 years old. Groups are formed according to their background and ability and do not exceed more than 10 children per group for children who are less than 6 years old. For children who are 6 years and older the group will not exceed 12 children. We favor the diversity of children by welcoming students from different public education systems, private and public, and from diverse backgrounds.

AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
from 3pm or 4:30pm until 6:30pm

Wednesdays from 8:30am to 6:30pm
(there is a possibility of registering your child for a half day, morning or afternoon)

Saturday from 9:30am to 12pm.

PERSONALIZED FOLLOW-UP

Workshops are carried out in small groups, which allow our teachers to define the needs of each child. They are able to assess what children favor and lean towards naturally in their learning and what is most favorable to their development. Thanks to this personalized follow-up, the team is then able to assess the progress of each child and give feedback about their progress to each family.

SHOWTIME!

Animators work in our school regularly to offer children quality artistic and creative workshops such as musical theater or expression. Because of this, our students explore the field of arts while in contact with passionate professionals.

FOR INFORMATION

To accompany children to the center, transport is provided on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at the exit of nearby nursery and elementary schools in Paris (15e, 7e, et 5e arrondissements).

We provide organic snacks, however we do ask families to provide a packed lunch for our Wednesday program.

NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

The teaching team is exclusively native English-speaking. Children benefit from complete immersion and quality education.

SPECIALIZED

Early childhood educators, music teachers, doctoral students in linguistics, show producers... we compose our team according to the specialties of each program. Our music lessons are given by a teacher and musician. Theater sessions are supervised by a producer and actress. All of our workshops are designed by teachers trained in active pedagogies and with international experience.

COSMOPOLITAN

Originally from the United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, or South Africa, all the teachers, professors, and animators of The Garden Academy offer children education from all over the world. With them, children learn English in a perfect accent, but also a whole culture!



Children learn by **doing**, and by experiencing the world around them: through hands-on, intriguing experiences, children learn who they are and how to express themselves. This understanding is at the heart of our pedagogy at The Garden.

Tiffany, Deputy Director of The Garden Academy



VACATION CAMPS

IMMERSIVE

We welcome children from the age of 3 to a 100% immersive course during each school vacation. Children will learn English through play and hands-on activities according to teaching methods that encourage experimentation.

FUN

Teachers invite children to participate in fun activities around the arts, science, music, singing and reading. We set up varied and creative workshops on a theme chosen according to the time of year. The theme inspires children and allows them to learn while having fun.

CONDUCTIVE TO LEARNING

During vacation camps, children participate in 5 workshops per day where they discover as much as possible independently. Actors of their own learning, they progress quickly and enjoy working. Children are grouped by age and level in English to allow everyone to evolve at their own pace and flourish whether they have mastered the language or are just discovering it!

Vacation camps take place during each school holiday period from Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 6:00pm. The exception is Christmas holidays when we organize 3 or 4 day “pop-up camps”.








HOW CAN I BOOK ?

For preschool, kindergarten, and after school activities, a physical interview will be conducted at one of our 3 locations or by video call to consider the admission of your child together. All you need to do is complete the file you will receive during our interview process in order to finalize registration.

OUR LOCATIONS

The Garden Academy has 3 schools in the southern half (left bank) of Paris. All locations welcome children to preschool, kindergarten, after-school program and vacation camp.

-  7, rue Valentin Haüy, Paris 7
-  17, rue Théodore Deck, Paris 15
-  44, rue du Fer à Moulin, Paris 5

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