

# BOOKING FORM

Great Beginnings

## NUMERACY & LITERACY PROGRAMME

WITH SANDRA LOFTUS

9.30—3.30

(Day 1 is mandatory )

DAY 1: - SAT. 8TH OCT

TAKING IT ALL IN

DAY 2:- SAT. 15TH OCT

1, 2 BUCKLE MY SHOE

DAY 3:- SAT. 5TH NOV.

TALL TALES ....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Mob. No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE GREAT BEGINNINGS PROGRAMME WILL BE DELIVERED AS FOLLOWS:

### DAY 1: "TAKING IT ALL IN"

- ◇ How children process information

### DAY 2: "1, 2 - BUCKLE MY SHOE"

- ◇ Developing pre-numeracy skills in the Early Years

### DAY 3: "TALL TALES"

- ◇ Developing pre-literacy skills in the Early Years

VENUE: COSY CATS, THE MALL, SLIGO

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NUMERACY AND LITERACY



A 3-day introductory course to Numeracy and Literacy in Early Childhood

Cost €5 per day

The promotion of Quality childcare in all settings is a key priority. The benefits of playing, talking, listening, reading or being creative with children can never be underestimated. From birth to 3 years is a very important time in a child's life.

**Did you know that:**

- \* Genetic (nature) and Environmental (nurture) factors play vital parts in a child's life chances.
- \* Babies learn with their whole bodies and with all their senses
- \* Active learning is the process by which babies and toddlers explore the world through observing, listening, touching, reaching, grasping, mouthing, letting go,
- \* The brain develops earlier than the rest of the body
- \* The experiences which young babies have in forming relationships influences all future relationships
- \* Fifty per cent of intellectual growth is achieved by the age of four
- \* Children need new experiences and these can be met through the provision of language and play activities. Activities appropriate to the stage of development given at appropriate times help build and achieve a skill and build on that new skill. If children are not given new experiences no learning can take place.

*Sligo County Childcare Committee wish to acknowledge the work of Kerry County Childcare Committee through their Early Skills Development leaflet*

**Day 1: "Taking it all in"**

**Our first workshop will focus on thinking and reasoning in young children. We will consider how children learn and process information about the world around them.**

**We will look at intrinsic motivation and how we can use this to encourage thought processes in young children.**

**We will also consider children as Active Learners who are involved in constructing their own knowledge and how we can support active learning with everyday experiences**

**Day 2: "1, 2 .. Buckle my shoe"**

**This workshop will focus on the development of numeracy skills in young children. Pre-Numeracy will look at areas such as sequencing, classification etc. This workshop is designed to help both adults and children to enjoy numeracy and to develop good foundations for Numeracy.**

**Day 3: "Tall Tales"**

**Our workshop for the third day will focus on the development of language and literacy in young children and fun activities to support the development of literacy. There will be a strong focus on using and enjoying language and developing a literacy rich environment.**

**This Programme will demonstrate strong links with Aistear - The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework**

- **Exploring & Thinking**
- **Communicating**

**For examples see the theme on Exploring & Thinking - Aim 2 and 3 and Communicating - Aim 1, 2, 3 & 4**



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