

### **Early Childhood Development: Gr 0, Gr 00**

There are two classes at the Early Childhood Development stage, with approximately 16 children in each class. 'Ray of Sunshine', for the 4 year olds, where the children begin their journey into education in a caring and creative environment and Gr 0 for the 5 year olds, where they are prepared for their adventure into more formal education at primary school. In each class a qualified, experienced teacher leads the children into discovery and exploration of the beauty and wonder of God's creation. Within these formative years the curriculum focuses on language development, especially as English is a second language for many of our students. Fine and gross motor skills are built on and basic principles are taught.

The children's progress is monitored closely so that individual needs can be met and there is an open door policy because we believe communicating with parents is essential. In addition to this, there are three parent consultations held in the year so that parents may come and look at their child's work and discuss it with the teacher. A written report is sent home at the end of each term, to give you a clear picture of your child's achievement.

Each child is a uniquely created image bearer of God and we strive to introduce them to their heavenly Father right from the beginning of their experience at RIS.