

[Encouraging Literacy and Numeracy Skills at Home](#)

[Valley View Kindergarten Book Based Program](#)

At Valley View Kindergarten we encourage the development of literacy and numeracy skills through playful learning opportunities. A Book Based Program is developed every 2-3 weeks which allows families to connect with learning activities undertaken at Kindy. These activities can then be undertaken and extended at home. Sharing the central book (story) is something magical that parents and families can undertake, resulting in the development of each child's storytelling skills and re-count of information.

The Book Based Program focuses on the development of phonological awareness skills. In particular:

- Building vocabulary and oral language.
- Teaching of concepts within the story.
- Syllables, rhymes and first sounds in words.
- Print awareness.
- Numeracy.
- Technology.
- Fine and gross motor skills.

[Early Language Learning Australia \(ELLA App\)](#)

Valley View Kindergarten also takes pride in providing the ELLA app on the I-Pads for the children to interact with. A focus on learning Hindi has been developed in response to a large percentage of the children attending with this as their home language.

The ELLA app is a fun and interactive program which encourages cultural awareness and inclusion. Learning how to greet others, saying what we like and don't like and counting and learning colour names in Hindi are some of the skills that the children will learn throughout the year.