

Personal Reflection

During these two weeks of my participation in the Intensive Programme: Early Years - discovering, creating and learning with all senses, I had the opportunity to experience things that certainly will influence me at a personal and professional levels.

In the project I could participate in many activities that, besides the fact that there is the possibility for us to use and apprehend the nature through the many senses, it could also stimulate our imagination. In my point of view, this was what surprised me the most, because I never thought that the participation in activities could arouse our imagination, in what concerns the planification of the activities. The fact that this was done in groups and that we could start with our own experience, made it all the more richer.

The opportunity of having a formation with people that have different cultures, experiences and knowledge, turned it all the more richer and interesting, because each one of us could bring to the group their experience and knowledge too.

An experience like this, makes us think of all the competences that we can develop with the children in the diverse areas, makes us also think of the versatility and imagination that a teacher must have so that the children can develop their knowledge and competences.

I thought that my biggest challenge would be the communication with the children, because French is not my mother language, however, I understood it ended up that body language was important as the verbal language, with children of 4/5, it is indeed a fundamental thing to interact with them.

The contact with the children was indeed the highest point in this experience, once we had the opportunity to put in practice the activities that we had planned before. I particularly liked to make the activities with the parachute because it allowed the children to have some freedom as the same time they develop competences.

I think this was a great experience that allowed me to know other cultures and other ways to teach, it was also possible to know many people, some of them, who now I can call friends.