

# WORLD ORIENTATION IS LEARNING FOR LIFE

The heart of the curriculum in a Jenaplanschool is **WORLD ORIENTATION**.  
Children are orienting themselves and are being helped with their orientation.

## WORLD ORIENTATION IS:

- wondering
- learning how to learn
- learning of critical and independent thinking
- caring and thinking about caring
- learning about time and space, self, nature, people, culture, the mystery of the world
- learning to live with time and space, self, nature, people, culture, the mystery of the world.

Some contents are more instrumental for orienting in the world  
Some belong to the heart of world orientation

## FORMS OF ENCOUNTER

- dialogue
- playing
- discovery – inquiry
- questioning
- links by written and electronic media to other schools/ people
- designing and making
- storytelling and listening to stories
- expression (arts)
- celebration

## SOURCES AND RESOURCES, MEANS

- first – hand means; school is around us, learning in life
- people as source
- life in school is part of world orientation
- pictures
- TV
- computer and interactive media
- stories,
- etc.

**WORLD ORIENTATION**  
experiential and reflective learning  
areas of experience  
forms of encounter  
means and media

## COURSEWORK:

- mathematics
- reading
- language skills
- handling media (computers a.o.)
- map reading
- and spatial concepts
- time-line in history
- historical research
- arts skills
- social skills
- motor skills
- handwriting
- a.o.

## A KEY TO THE WORLD

### Making and Using

Labour/work  
Consumption  
Sustainability

### Technology

Constructions  
Machines and tools  
Big systems  
Matter and energy  
Living with technology

### Communication

With other people  
With and in nature  
With the transcendent (the Other)

### Environment and Landscape

Habitat of people  
Habitat of plants/animals  
The Earth as a Place to Live  
Spatial planning



### Living together

Belonging  
Conditions for a good society  
One World

### All the year round

Seasons  
Feasts and celebrations  
The schoolyear

### My life

Me  
Being human  
"Great" people

**JENAPLAN EDUCATION IS: LEARNING TO WORK ON A SOCIETY IN WHICH THE EARTH IS MANAGED WITH RESPECT AND CARE, AND NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ARE USED IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.**