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# Reading and Writing Weekly Classes 2024-2025

Our Reading & Writing classes focus on the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. There is an emphasis on activities that develop both oral and written comprehension from beginner to advanced levels.

These classes are for children who either already speak English in their home environment or have a very good level of English fluency. Children are individually assessed to ensure that they are placed in the most appropriate class for their age and ability.

From Level 6 upwards, students may be invited to do a Cambridge English qualification, if appropriate.

The levels described here are intended as guidelines only. The teaching staff will be pleased to answer your questions about your child's capabilities and progress during the school year.

### By the end of the school year, your child should be able to:

#### Level 1

- understand basic phonics
- recognise the differences between the short vowel sounds
- sight read some commonly used words
- write some consonant vowel consonant (cvc) words
- read Level 2 (or higher) graded readers and answer questions on the text (spoken)
- complete exercises from the CGP Reception English Phonics Practice Books

#### Level 2

- understand groups of letters representing particular sounds
- understand and use some consonant blends
- sight read and begin to spell more commonly used words
- write simple sentences with appropriate punctuation
- read Level 6 (or higher) graded readers and answer questions on the text (spoken)
- complete exercises from the CGP Year 1 English Phonics Practice Books

#### Level 3

- understand and use the different spellings for the long vowel sounds
- spell correctly the commonly used words from Levels 1 and 2
- identify and understand the meanings of basic parts of speech (e.g. nouns, adjectives and verbs)
- write on a particular topic, using a number of simple sentences and basic punctuation
- read simple texts and answer questions
- read and understand short chapter books independently
- complete exercises from the CGP KS1 Year 2 English Workbook

Level 4

- identify and understand the meanings of more parts of speech (e.g. types of nouns, pronouns and adverbs)
- · write short texts, using a variety of simple sentences
- · read complex texts and answer simple questions
- read and discuss different aspects of the class book
- read and understand longer chapter books independently
- use the CGP English Practice Book to work on simple grammar structures, punctuation and spelling

Level 5

- use the parts of speech introduced in Levels 3 and 4 correctly
- write a range of different texts using simple and some complex sentences
- read more complex texts and give more detailed answers to comprehension questions
- express a simple opinion (written and spoken) about the class novel
- read and understand most age-appropriate books independently
- use the CGP English Practice Book to develop work on simple grammar structures, punctuation and spelling
- have the possibility to start an additional Cambridge English: A2 KEY exam course

### By the end of the school year, the student will have:

Level 6

- looked at different aspects of a novel such as character development and related themes
- expressed a simple opinion (written and spoken) about the novel
- used the CGP English Practice Book to work on complex grammar structures, punctuation and spelling
- the possibility to start an additional Cambridge English: A2 KEY or B1 PRELIMINARY exam course

Level 7

- looked at different aspects of a novel such as character development, related themes and plot
- expressed a more developed opinion (written and spoken) about the novel
- used the CGP English Practice Book to work on simple and complex grammar structures, punctuation and spelling
- the possibility to start an additional Cambridge English: B1 PRELIMINARY or B2 FIRST Certificate exam course

Level 8

- looked at different aspects of the novel such as character development, plot, social and historical themes
- shown a deeper understanding (written and spoken) about the novel
- used the CGP Key Stage Three Workbook to work on more complex grammar structures, punctuation and spelling to extend knowledge and use of language
- the possibility to start or continue an additional Cambridge English: B2 FIRST Certificate exam course

Level 9

- looked at different aspects of the novel such as character development, plot, social and historical themes
- used the CGP Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar for GCSE Workbook to consolidate more complex grammar structures, punctuation and spelling
- shown a deep understanding of and reflected on the novel in order to give a considered personal response
- the possibility to start or continue an additional Cambridge English: B2 FIRST Certificate exam course or C1 ADVANCED Certificate exam course

## **Saturday Classes**

These three classes - S1, S2 and S3 - are for students who are doing the Cambridge English B2 FIRST Certificate (Year 1 or Year 2) or C1 ADVANCED Certificate (Year 1 or Year 2) exam courses, or for those students who cannot attend weekly classes due to other commitments. These classes are held once a month.

### By the end of the school year, the student will have:

S1, S2 & S3

- looked at different aspects of the novel such as character development, plot, social and historical themes
- shown a deep understanding of and reflected on the novel in order to give a considered personal response, both spoken and written, in line with the requirements of an exam course
- revisited grammar, when necessary, to support exam courses

## **Timetable**

Level 1	6-7 year olds	R1	Wednesday	13:30 – 15:30
Level 2	6-8 year olds	R2	Friday	13:30 – 15:30
Level 3	7-9 year olds	R3	Wednesday	13:30 – 15:30
Level 4	8-10 year olds	R4	Thursday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 5	9-11 year olds	R5	Friday	16:30 – 18:30

Level 6	10+ year olds	R6/7	Monday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 8	12+ year olds	R8	Wednesday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 9	12+ year olds	R9	Thursday	16:30 – 18:30
Saturday 1 (monthly)	12+ year olds (Level 9+)	S1	One Saturday per month. See Calendar for dates	08:45 – 10:45
Saturday 2 (monthly)	14+ year olds (Level 9+)	S2	One Saturday per month. See Calendar for dates.	10:45 – 12:45
Saturday 3 (monthly)	15+ year olds (Level 9+)	<b>S</b> 3	One Saturday per month. See Calendar for dates.	10:45 – 12:45

## Fees

Fees are invoiced at the beginning of each term at the following rates:

Annual membership fee (August – July)	Fr 15.00
Initial non-refundable registration fee per student	Fr 50.00
Reading and writing class fee per session	Fr 35.00
*Supplies fee per term	Fr 30.00

<sup>\*</sup> This fee can be higher depending on the actual cost of supplies being used. We reserve the right to increase the fee if a class has fewer than 5 pupils.