



Playgroup Classes 2024-2025

Playgroup sessions are in English and are suitable for children aged 3-6 years regardless of what language they speak at home. Children will learn and develop further their English language in a happy and relaxed atmosphere. Various activities such as painting, crafts (cutting, colouring, glueing, assembling etc) and singing are offered at all levels.

During classes there is also time available for free and imaginative play with our many toys to further the development of social skills. The children also learn theme-based and activity songs throughout the year. All playgroups work with letters and numbers at the appropriate playgroup level, introducing basic readiness skills for kindergarten and school.

Special care is taken to offer activities that enable each child to participate at their own level and ability. Children are encouraged to attend classes twice a week whenever possible to promote language, socialisation and fine-motor skills.

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

- Level 1
 - pay attention for an extended period
 - listen to and respond to simple stories
 - listen to, follow and sing a number of songs
 - follow easy instructions
 - have developed their fine-motor skills eg. cutting, using a pencil correctly
 - follow easy guidance to complete crafts with minimal assistance
 - have basic awareness of letters, sounds and numbers

- Level 2
 - concentrate for longer periods
 - listen to and respond to stories
 - sing a number of songs
 - respond appropriately to simple questions
 - develop fine motor skills further
 - follow instructions to complete crafts independently
 - recognise the letter sounds and write the upper case letters
 - write numbers 1-10 and have basic numeracy skills

- Level 3
 - concentrate and focus on tasks for longer periods
 - listen to and respond to longer stories
 - sing a number of songs
 - use English to communicate in the class
 - recognise the sounds, know and write all the letters of the alphabet (upper and lower case)
 - show confidence with numbers 1-10
 - have all the necessary skills to start reading and writing

Timetable for Playgroup Classes

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| Level 1 | 3-4 year olds | P1a | Wednesday | 09:00 – 11:30 |
| | | P1b | Friday | |
| Level 2 | 4-5 year olds | P2/3 | Monday | 13:30 – 15:30 |
| | | P2 | Thursday | |
| Level 3 | 5-6 year olds | P2/3 | Monday | 13:30 – 15:30 |
| | | P3 | Wednesday | |

Fees for Playgroup Classes

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

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| Annual membership fee (August – July) | Fr 15.00 |
| Initial non-refundable registration fee per student | Fr 50.00 |
| Morning Playgroup class fee per session | Fr 38.00 |
| Afternoon Playgroup class fee per session | Fr 32.00 |
| Supplies fee per term for up to 2 classes a week | Fr 30.00 |
| Supplies fee per term if 3 or more classes attended each week | Fr 40.00 |