

English
Speaking
Playgroup/School

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## Reading and Writing Classes 2021-2022

These classes focus on the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. The lessons are challenging and enjoyable with 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.

The proficiency 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 differences between the various vowel sounds

...write the letters of the alphabet correctly

...read and write simple words and phrases

...sight read commonly used words

Level 2 ...understand the long vowel sounds

...write simple sentences with appropriate punctuation

...sight read commonly used words

Level 3 ...understand groups of letters representing particular sounds

...read simple texts and answer questions

...write on a particular topic using a number of sentences

...understand the meaning of nouns, adjectives and verbs

Level 4 ...complete logic problems

...follow complex written instructions

...memorise simple poems

...use irregular verbs.

Level 5 ...read fluently

...express opinions about characters

...write stories using appropriate punctuation and grammar

...write summaries of books

...be of a high enough standard to be able to attend Cambridge English courses

Level 6 ...research and correlate information

...understand complex grammar

...make verbal presentations

...possibility of starting an additional Cambridge English A2 KEY exam course

Level 7+ ...present written arguments on a particular subject ...use English with confidence in all situations ...be of a high enough standard to be able to attend further Cambridge English courses

## **Timetable**

Level 1	5-7 year olds	R1a	Wednesday	13:30 – 15:30
		R1b	Friday	
Level 2	6-7 year olds	R2a	Wednesday	13:30 – 15:30
		R2b	Friday	
Level 3	6-8 year olds	R3	Wednesday	13:30 – 15:30
Level 4	7-9 year olds	R4	Wednesday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 5	8+ year olds	R5	Thursday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 6	9+ year olds	R6	Monday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 7	10+ year olds	R7	Tuesday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 8	11+ year olds	R8	Friday	16:30 – 18:30
Level 9	12+ year olds	R9	Thursday	16:30 – 18:30
Saturday 1 (monthly)	12+ year olds	S1	One Saturday per month See Calendar for dates	08:45 – 10:45
Saturday 2 (monthly)	14+ year olds	S2	One Saturday per month See Calendar for dates	11:15 – 13:15
Saturday 3 (monthly)	15+ year olds	S3	One Saturday per month See Calendar for dates	14:00 – 16:00

## **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 34.00
*Supplies and Resources fee per term	Fr 20.00

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