



## Playgroup & EFL Playgroup Classes 2020-2021

### Playgroup Classes

Playgroup sessions provide a happy, nurturing and relaxed atmosphere for children aged 3-6 years. Various activities such as painting, handicrafts, singing and games are offered at all levels. Time is also available for free and imaginative play.

Special care is taken to offer activities that enable each child to participate at his or her own level and ability. Children are encouraged to attend classes twice a week whenever possible to promote both language and socialization skills.

The more advanced levels begin to introduce basic reading, writing and mathematic readiness skills. There is still plenty of time for creative play, stories and craft work.

**These classes are primarily for children who already speak English in their home environments.**

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

- Level 1    ...pay attention for short periods  
              ...listen to stories  
              ...sing a number of songs
- Level 2    ...concentrate for longer periods  
              ...show gross motor skills  
              ...display basic numeracy skills
- Level 3    ...show fine motor skills  
              ...display a more advanced concept of numbers  
              ...recognise and write letters of the alphabet

### Timetable for Playgroup Classes

Level 1	3-4 year olds	P1a	Wednesday	09:00 - 11:30
		P1b	Friday	
13.30 - 15.30	4-5 year olds	P2a	Tuesday	13:30 - 15:30
		P2b	Thursday	
Level 3	5-6 year olds	P3a	Monday	13:30 - 15:30
		P3b	Friday	

\* All classes are run jointly with the EFL playgroup classes. Classes may be split if we have sufficient pupils to warrant this.



## EFL Playgroup Classes for Children with English as a Foreign Language

English as a foreign language (EFL) playgroup classes provide a fun way of learning English for 3 - 6 year olds using singing, games, stories and handicrafts to provide a motivating and enjoyable start to learning another language.

Special care is taken to offer activities that enable each child to participate at his or her own level and ability. Children are encouraged to attend classes at least twice a week, whenever possible, to help build up language and socialization skills.

**These classes are primarily for children who do not speak English in their home environments.**

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

EFL Playgroup Level 1      ...pay attention for short periods  
    ...be aware that a different language code exists  
    ...listen to short stories  
    ...follow easy directions  
    ...listen and follow a number of songs

EFL Playgroup Level 2      ...pay attention for longer periods  
    ...listen to stories  
    ...respond to simple questions  
    ...sing a number of songs

EFL Playgroup Level 3      ...concentrate for longer periods  
    ...follow directions  
    ...complete simple tasks  
    ...ask and answer simple questions  
    ...use English in songs, role-plays and games

## Timetable for EFL Playgroup Classes

Level 1	3-4 year olds	PEFL1a	Monday	09:00 - 11:30
		PEFL1b	** Wednesday	
		PEFL1c	** Friday	
Level 2	4-5 year olds	PEFL2a	** Tuesday	13:30 - 15:30
		PEFL2b	** Thursday	
Level 3	5-6 year olds	PEFL3a	** Monday	13:30 - 15:30
		PEFL3b	** Friday	

\*\* These classes are run jointly with the Playgroup classes. Classes may be split if we have sufficient pupils to warrant this.



## Fees for Playgroup and EFL Playgroup Classes

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
Morning Playgroup class fee per session	Fr 36.00
Afternoon Playgroup class fee per session	Fr 30.00
Supplies and resources fee per term for up to 2 classes a week	Fr 20.00
Supplies and resources fee per class and term if 3 or more classes attended each week	Fr 10.00