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**QUEST ENGLISH**  
**STUDY PROGRAMME INFORMATION**  
**2024-25**

**STUDY FOCUS: Beginner**

Saturdays 09:30-11:00

**Age group: 5-7 years**

This synthetic phonics programme is aimed at children who speak early English and need systematic teaching of phonics, and the associated early reading and writing skills.

As a long-term study programme, the beginner group will focus on the development of the following areas:

- Phonics – all 44 simple sounds
- Early reading skills
- Early writing skills - letter formation and sentence writing

At the core of the learning will be the systematic teaching of phonics through a British, synthetic phonic programme used by many UK domestic and British International Schools. The programme builds up gradually over many months with regular study. In order to make progress students must commit to this programme long term, attending both sessions each week. Students are expected to communicate in English with their peers and tutors throughout all sessions.

Typically, in a British school, children study this phonic programme daily, in targeted ability groups, for approximately 20-30 minutes. They complete the majority of phonic learning within two/three school years.

We expect good behavior from all QUEST TOKYO English programme participants. This includes:

- Following instructions
- Listening and participating
- Being kind, polite and friendly to others
- Trying hard, even when the work is challenging!

Misbehaviour will be communicated to parents and if continued will put attendance on the programme in jeopardy. No refunds will be issued if a place is withdrawn due to poor behaviour.

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## STUDY FOCUS: Intermediate

Saturdays 11:00-12:30

### Age group: 7-9

This programme is aimed at children who speak English, can communicate confidently, have phonic knowledge already established but need consolidation of associated spelling options, and the extension of reading and writing skills. Some aspects of textbook study will be included in this programme.

As a long-term study programme, the intermediate group will focus on the development of the following areas:

- Phonics
  - Consolidation of all all 44 complex sound spellings
- Reading
  - Comprehension skills - both listening and reading
  - Vocabulary extension
- Writing
  - Grammar and extended sentence structure
  - Extension of spelling skills and handwriting

At the core of the learning will be the natural application of a British, synthetic phonic programme used by many UK domestic and British International Schools. The programme builds up gradually over many months with regular study. In order to make progress students must commit to this programme long term, attending sessions each week. Students are expected to communicate in English with their peers and tutors throughout all sessions.

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## STUDY FOCUS: Advanced

Thursdays 17:00-18:30

**Age group:** 9-11

This programme is aimed at children who speak English fluently, and are keen to extend their reading, writing, comprehension skills, and develop more impactful use of grammar and vocabulary.

At the core of this English language study will be textbook materials, a British English based programming which mirrors the curriculum content and coverage found in UK and British International Schools. This programme will focus on the development of the following core areas:

- Reading - students will be reading a range of texts together - both fiction and non-fiction
- Writing - in response to the texts the children will be creating their own written pieces.
- Comprehension - after reading the texts students will answer questions, developing comprehension skills.
- Grammar - integrated into the programme is the formal learning of core grammar aspects.
- Vocabulary - throughout each unit children are introduced to relevant and contextual vocabulary.

Students are expected to communicate in English with their peers and tutors throughout all sessions.

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- Listening and participating
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## STUDY FOCUS: Pre-Beginner

Thursdays 16:00-17:00

### Age group: 4-7 years

This programme is designed for early and non-English speaking children up to age 7 who are beginning their journey in English language acquisition. The programme will incorporate aspects of synthetic phonics to lay a strong foundation for early reading and writing skills.

As a structured study programme, the Pre-Beginner group will focus on the following key areas:

- English sounds and pronunciation
- Basic vocabulary and sentence building
- Introduction to phonics basics
- Introduction to letter recognition and formation

The core of the programme will focus on the development of early English speaking and listening skills. The aim is to provide children with the vocabulary and simple spoken sentence grammar they need to understand and use basic English in everyday situations. Through conversations, songs and practical activities, children will be encouraged to listen carefully and respond in simple English, helping them build their confidence in using the language.

Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 16:00 to 17:00. Regular attendance is important for consistent progress, as each session is designed to reinforce and build on skill and knowledge. Children will be expected to interact with their peers and tutors in English, fostering an immersive language environment that supports their development and practice of expressive English.

We uphold high standards of behavior for all QUEST TOKYO English programme participants, including:

- Following instructions attentively
- Actively listening and participating in activities
- Demonstrating kindness, politeness, and friendliness towards others
- Persevering through challenges and showing effort
- Arriving on time and completing homework each week

Misbehaviour will be communicated to parents and if continued will put attendance on the programme in jeopardy. No refunds will be issued if a place is withdrawn due to poor behaviour.



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Confirmed group placement:

- ☐ Beginner
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Advanced

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