

Early-Birds (2-3 yrs old)

Each child is accompanied by one adult. Parents and children can learn Mandarin together.

This is a class, not a free playgroup. The one hour lesson is structured with many short activities. Learners naturally acquire Mandarin through playing with theme-related toys, Total Physical Response, songs & dance, stories, and arts & crafts. All the activities are conducted in Mandarin only.

Parents/guardians can choose to observe or join the fun with their kids.

There are 12 core units in level 1. Children will learn the following topics:

1. Myself
2. Animals
3. Body parts
4. My family
5. Numbers
6. Colors
7. Fruit & vegetables
8. Snacks & drinks
9. Eating & food
10. Daily routine
11. Transport
12. Playground

After EB Level 1, we will review all the words and phrases learned at Level 1 while helping the learners build up more complicated sentence structured. More adjectives, verbs, and useful expressions will be introduced at Level 2.

Take home materials include flashcards, handouts (with Mandarin, English, and Pinyin), and CDs with recorded lessons. The CDs should be played outside the class as much as possible. It is encouraged to create a routine for CD listening (e.g. breakfast time, bedtime, bath time, in the car, etc.) during the day.

Please do not test or force kids to repeat in Mandarin if they are not comfortable about it. As long as children have enough exposure to Mandarin, they will feel comfortable and start to communicate in Mandarin.