

How to help with Chinese Home Learning

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Primary Chinese Curriculum

Mandarin in EYFS

Topics for non-native students & Focuses

Topics for non-native students

- Greeting
- Numbers
- Family members
- Body parts
- Colours
- Fruits
- Animals

Focuses

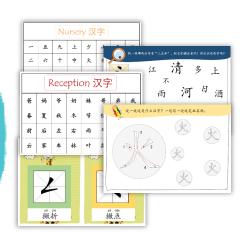
- Vocabulary
- Sentence patterns
- Character memorising and writing
- Interest of learning Chinese language and culture

Main parts of the course content and activities

Stories 故事



Chinese characters 汉字



Chinese ancient poems 古诗



Activities 活动



Area of Learning and Development for native students

Communication and Language expression 语言表达和人际沟通

Creating and thinking skills 思维拓展

Literary 文学素养

Chinese characters 汉字基础

How to help?

Replay the songs or videos posted by the child's teacher on Tapestry, and review the weekly summaries provided by the teacher to understand the recent learning content of the children.

Watch Chinese children's programs: Choose age-appropriate Chinese children's shows to help children learn Chinese through watching and also gain knowledge about Chinese culture.



Basic Songs



Chinese Pinyin Song



Number Song



Hello Song



Good-bye Song



More Songs

How to help?

Provide Chinese storybooks and nursery rhymes: help children to find Chinese characters and sounds through books and songs, helping them develop an interest in the language.

Organize fun Chinese learning activities: Engage children in games, crafts, or cooking Chinese cuisine using the Chinese language, making the learning experience enjoyable.

Engage in conversations with native Chinese speakers: If possible, invite friends or family members who speak Chinese to your home, providing more opportunities for children to interact and use the language.

Emphasize daily Chinese language application: Label items around the house in Chinese, establish daily rules in Chinese, and incorporate the language into everyday life, allowing children to naturally encounter and learn Chinese.

How to help(Native)?

Develop language expression skills: Encourage children to participate in oral communication, providing opportunities for them to express their thoughts and feelings. Role-playing and group discussions can be used to foster their language expression and communication abilities.





Gradual introduction to Chinese characters: Introduce Chinese characters gradually during the preschool years. Use flashcards, spelling games, and other methods to help children recognize simple and commonly used Chinese characters, as well as understand their basic structure and meanings.





How to help(Native)?

Cultivate reading habits: Encourage children to read Chinese children's books to develop their understanding of written texts and reading skills. Select age-appropriate picture books and storybooks to create an environment and opportunities for children to engage in reading.



To establish good study habits

Set a regular study schedule: Establish a regular study routine to help students develop a habit of studying at a fixed time each day. This will help them create a mental state that is ready and focused on learning.

Create a comfortable study environment: Set up a quiet, clean, and well-lit study environment for students that is free from distractions such as TV, mobile devices, and social media. This can help them concentrate and stay focused on learning.



Prioritize tasks:
Encourage students to prioritize their tasks based on importance and deadline. This will help them avoid procrastination and manage their time effectively.

Language Focuses

Language focuses					
	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
Listening	/	/	/		/
Speaking	/	/	/	/	/
Character memorizing	/	/	/	/	/
Sentence reading		/	/	/	/
Essay reading			/	/	/
Basic character writing	/	/	/	/	/
Sentence writing			/		/
Essay writing					/

Primary General Curriculum (Non-native)

Develop four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing

- Topics (7-8)
- Vocabulary
- Sentence patterns
- Pinyin learning
- Character memorising and writing
- Conversations
- Essay reading and writing

References for Set 1 - Set 3

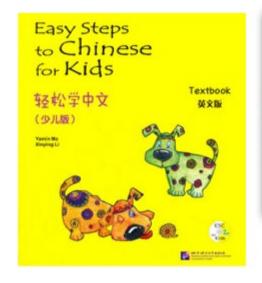


Rainbow Dragon



References for Set 1-Set3

非母语主要教材来源





Easy Steps to Chinese 轻松学中文

General Curriculum (Native)

Develop four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing

- Pinyin learning
- Character strokes
- Character radicals
- Character memorising and writing
- Composition writing
- Reading comprehension
- Linguistic analysis
- Literacy

Books for Set 4 - Set 6

Set 4





Set 5-6



- Will refer to the general curriculum of local Education Bureau
- Will not cover all of the texts

Text books allocation for advanced group

Year 1 Year 1A (1 book a year)

Year 2 Year 1B (1 book a year)

Year 3 Year 2A and 2B (2 books a year)

Year 4 Year 3A and 3B (2 books a year)

Year 5 Year 4A and 4B (2 books a year)

Year 6 Year 5A and 5B (2 books a year)

Assessment tracking

Non-native	Native
1.Formative assessment after	1. Spelling test every week
each topic(speaking)	2. Paper test(twice a year)
2.Little quiz(Matching, listening,	
characer writing)	understanding 4 Character recognition
3.Classroom performance	4. Character recognition
	5. Classroom performance

How to help?

Check the teacher's weekly summaries and assigned tasks on Seesaw to understand the recent learning content of the children, and to monitor whether the children have completed the tasks assigned by the teacher.

Please remind the children to regularly review the content they have learned. They should repeatedly practice the vocabulary, sentences, or passages provided in the audio or video materials shared by the teacher.





How to help(Non-native)?

Encourage children to use Chinese more in conversations, such as greeting Chinese people in the neighborhood, having simple chats, helping with ordering food, and making Chinese friends etc.





Find resources suitable for children to learn Chinese, such as Chinese textbooks, picture books, children's songs, and videos. There are also some Chinese learning apps in the Apple store.













How to help(Native)?

Create a study plan: Work with your child to create a structured study plan that includes dedicated study time and goals on a daily or weekly basis. Ensure they follow the plan and provide them with appropriate challenges.

Complete weekly assignments diligently and review regularly. Practice the spelling words to be dictation each week and preview the upcoming lessons.

Writing practice: Guide your child in writing exercises, starting with simple sentences and gradually increasing the difficulty level. Encourage them to write journals, stories, essays, etc., to develop their language expression and thinking abilities.







How to help(Native)?

Cultivate reading habits: Encourage your child to read extensively by providing them with a wide range of Chinese reading materials, including storybooks, newspapers, magazines, etc. Help them understand the content and improve their reading comprehension skills and vocabulary.



Family support: Provide ample support and encouragement to your child, offering assistance and guidance when they encounter difficulties. Establish a positive learning environment and habits, igniting their interest and passion for Chinese language.





How to help?



Audio-visual resources: Utilize high-quality Chinese TV shows, movies, music, and variety programs to enhance your child's listening and speaking abilities. Watch and discuss them together to deepen their understanding and language application.



Collaboration with Chinese teachers: Collaborate with Chinese language teachers to understand the curriculum and requirements of Chinese language education in primary school. Communicate with primary school teachers to gain insights into the child's strengths and weaknesses in Chinese language, allowing for targeted supplemental guidance.



Thank you!