



Little Classroom

Let's Learn • Let's Play • Let's Grow

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1

After School, Home Education, Holiday Classes
Let's Teach- Age 4 - 11

Stories-Author Study

For children aged 4-7, Little Classroom lessons will be packed with fun books, starting with Mrs Armitage on Wheels in Week 1, then moving on to Mrs Armitage: Queen of the Road, Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave, Mister Magnolia, and Angelica Sprocket's Pockets. We'll also dive into books based on what the kids are interested in, making sure they fall in love with reading and storytelling.

For kids aged 7+, the focus will be on developing literacy skills through extracts from Roald Dahl's books and other fun, age-appropriate texts. There will be lots of discussions, comprehension questions, and activities to help build their understanding, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills in a way that feels natural and enjoyable.

Let's Read

Age: 4 - 5

Learn Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonics sounds.

Blend and segment CVC words for reading and writing.

Begin reading simple sentences and high-frequency words.

Listen to and discuss stories, focusing on main events and characters.

Begin to answer simple questions about a text, such as who, what, and where.

Working towards the Early Learning Goals

Age 5 - 7

Consolidate Phase 3 and learn Phase 4 and Phase 5 phonics.

Develop fluency in reading sentences and decoding unfamiliar words.

Understand stories by answering questions about key events.

Answer questions about key events and characters in stories.

Identify and discuss the setting, characters, and plot of a story.

Retell stories in their own words and express opinions.

Year One Phonic Check Test Support if appropriate.

Age 7 +

Reading sessions will cover a variety of text genres, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Lessons will incorporate phonics to support decoding skills, along with comprehension questions to develop understanding, inference, and critical thinking. The focus will be on building confidence in reading while fostering a love for different types of texts.

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Let's Write

Ages 4–5: Forming letters correctly, writing simple words and short sentences using phonics, beginning to use capital letters and full stops, and developing pencil control.

Ages 5–7: Writing longer sentences with basic punctuation, spelling common words correctly, using descriptive language, writing short stories, instructions, and simple reports, and improving handwriting.

Ages 7+: Writing structured sentences and paragraphs, using a wider range of punctuation (commas, apostrophes, speech marks), developing spelling strategies, planning and editing work, and exploring different writing styles such as narratives, reports, and poetry.

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Let's Count

Ages 4–5:
Counting: Numbers to 20.
Operations: Simple addition and subtraction.
Shapes & Measurement: Recognise shapes, compare size/weight/length.

Ages 5–7:
Counting: Up to 100, skip counting.
Operations: Simple multiplication, division, and number bonds.
Fractions & Time: Halves/quarters, tell time to the hour/half-hour, recognise coins.

Ages 7+:
Larger Numbers: Up to 1000, place value.
Operations: Master addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
Fractions & Measurement: Fractions, decimals, and measuring length/weight/capacity.
Time & Problems: Time to the minute, solve word problems.

Let's Educate at Home

Ages 4–5:

Reading: Share spring-themed picture books (The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Spring is Here). Discuss the changes in nature and animals during spring.

Writing: Encourage writing about spring events (e.g., planting seeds, watching flowers grow), create a nature journal, or draw and label spring flowers.

Maths: Count the petals on flowers, sort and compare different types of leaves or flowers, and practise simple addition or subtraction using spring-themed objects like Easter eggs or bunnies.

Ages 5–7:

Reading: Read books about animals and plants in spring (The Tiny Seed, What the Ladybird Heard), and discuss the life cycles of plants and animals.

Writing: Write a letter to a friend describing springtime activities, create a spring poem, or keep a nature diary, noting changes in the environment.

Maths: Measure the growth of plants, explore symmetry in flowers and leaves, calculate how much water plants need each week, and practise number bonds with spring-themed games (e.g., eggs, flowers).

Ages 7+:

Reading: Read books about spring (e.g., Charlotte's Web). Discuss the plot, characters, and setting, and make predictions. Focus on one character for a profile and explore themes like friendship or adventure.

Writing: Write a short story about a spring adventure, a report on spring weather, or a persuasive letter about why spring is the best season.

Maths: Calculate the time between sunrise and sunset, track temperature changes, and practice fractions with spring fruits like oranges and strawberries.

If you would like any further support or ideas to help at home, please feel free to get in touch. I'm happy to provide more suggestions tailored to your child's needs.

Let's Celebrate

Which sticker did your child receive?

