

English for Bilingual Children at ZS Kladska

Over the past few years, the number of bilingual (English / Czech speaking) children who attend Czech Primary Schools has increased significantly, yet there are not many possibilities for them to develop English literacy at their native level. They communicate with their classmates in Czech and often are not aware of each other's bilingual background.

Parents often feel that their children's spoken English ought to be matched by corresponding literacy skills, which is impossible to achieve in a standard classroom setting.

Some families try to "home-school" their children in English, which can often be frustrating for both parent and child, who is missing the company and input of at least a few other classmates.

For these reasons, ZS Kladska is opening in its premises a Bilingual English Club which will focus on developing key English literacy skills and competencies – reading, writing, speaking and listening.

The contents of the program would be loosely based on the main areas of the UK's National Curriculum English, Key Stage 1-2, but varied resources from other English speaking countries and syllabuses will be used as well.

Children will work in two groups – age 6-7 years (1st & 2nd Grade), and age 8-11 years (3rd - 5th Grade).

The Bilingual English Club will meet on Wednesdays, 13.50-14.35 (1st and 2nd Grade), and 15.30 – 16.15 (3rd to 5th Grade). These times might still be shifted slightly if they collide with other activities of the children

The Club starts in January 2012. However, as we are in the middle of the school year, the chances are that most children already have other afterschool classes ("krouzky") that day. Even if that's the case, it would be good to know whether our Bilingual Club would be of interest to you in the next school year.

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