



Hatching Dragons
Bilingual Nursery Schools

NURSERY SCHOOL BROCHURE





About Us



Hatching Dragons is the UK's leading multicultural Early Years provision and we aim to deliver four really important things for the children of hard-working and globally aspirational parents:

- **Character development-** we focus on a core moral value and social ethic each month that is embedded in our behaviours and practice as part of our focus on character development. These values are drawn from cultures all around the world to illustrate how universal values are what brings us together
- **Intercultural Awareness:** we believe in the power of the global citizenship and in the importance of nurturing that excitement for and knowledge of the wider world in our children. Each month we focus on a particular region of the world, the cultures of which form the basis of all of our activities
- **Foreign Language Skills:** By embedding that knowledge of the world through the language of another culture, and in the process illustrating the cognitive impact that second language learning can have on developing minds
- **Adult-Led & Child Led** - curricula that balances child led, explorative free play with adult led, focussed work in our core curricula areas: **Creative Arts; Language & Literacy;** and **STEM** to ensure your child is more than school ready by five years old



FAMILY IS AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO

At Hatching Dragons, we are a family with a diversity of backgrounds, ideas and life experiences, and we have created a supportive and inclusive environment so that all of our staff, parents and children feel welcome. These are our core values and we implement them in our daily practice.

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FAIR

Respect, courtesy and integrity are essential in all we say and do.

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ADVENTUROUS

We love to explore the world around us, new ideas and methods of learning.

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MULTICULTURAL

We encourage a global mindset and celebrate diversity at every opportunity.

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IMAGINATIVE

We use creativity in everything we do, looking for new solutions to reimagine our world.

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LOVING

We provide a caring, safe and engaging environment for children to grow and learn.

Y



YES-MINDED

We like challenges and always aim to be the best we can with a positive attitude!



Baby Dragons
12-24 MONTHS



Hatchlings
6-15 MONTHS



Blue Dragons
22-36 MONTHS



Dragon Flight
36+ MONTHS

Our Age Groups

As every nursery provision in the U.K., we deliver the developmental outcomes established in **the Early Years Foundation Stage across 7 areas of learning.**

The 3 Primes

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The 4 Specifics

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts & Design

What makes us different is how we achieve those to make your child ready for school by age 5.



Understanding the World...

We bring new meaning to cultural capital...

We believe in teaching our children about the magic of the wider world - the people, the cultures, the plant life, animals, objects and ideas that can be found within it

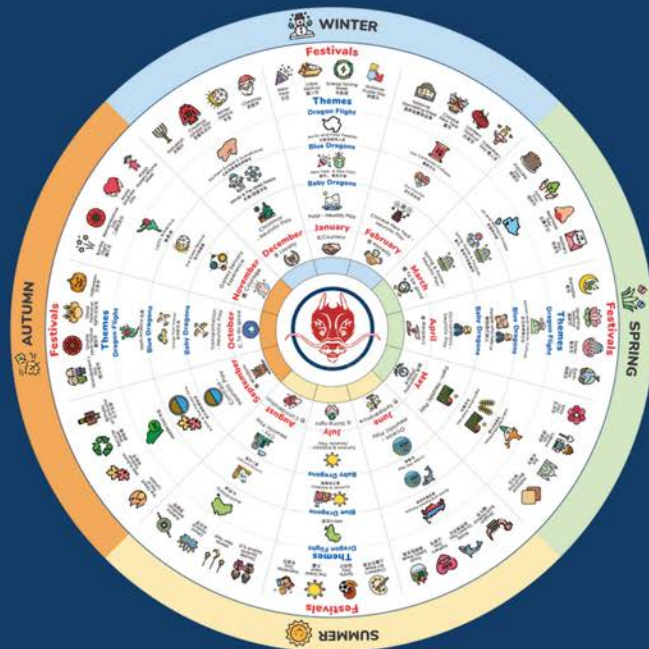
Each month, we focus on a **different region of the world**, and the cultures that can be found within it, as a starting point from which all of our academic programming springs

Our arts programme becomes inspired by the artists of the region - the music, textiles and crafts that we employ are all influenced by the region. Our literacy programme draws stories from the myths and fables from the region and so on and so forth...

We instil in our children a sense of wonder about the **diversity of the world** as our starting point...You can find out more [here](#)

Hatching Dragons

Annual Plan



Creative Arts

We believe that it has never been more important to invest in the creative arts. In an era where AI and automation will do more and more, we have to think outside of the box, create more and express ourselves. Our classes include:

- **Painting & Drawing**
- **Dance & Drama**
- **Textiles and Fabric**
- **Pottery & Ceramics**
- **Music Class**

Each school has a dedicated Creative Arts teacher that specialises in music, fine art, ceramics and / or textiles and rotates between the age groups, delivering focussed work with the children to build out their innate creativity and self-expression

Our art classes change each month to introduce the arts of the region we might be investigating that month. you can find out more [here](#)





Language & Literacy

We believe that it is fundamentally important for our children to leave us, at five, with full command of English so that they can easily integrate with their next primary school environment. Our classes include:

- Phonics & Reading
- Writing & Calligraphy
- Story Time
- Poetry & Rhyme
- Makaton

Each school has a dedicated Language and literacy teacher who has been specially trained in Phonics and Makaton as key pillars to our linguistic development in young children.

Our stories draw inspiration from our monthly regional theme, looking at the myths and fables of each culture. You can read more about our programme [here](#)

Modern Languages

Our primary background is in bilingual immersion and teaching second languages in the early years. It is, after all, the easiest time to achieve fluency and the age in which we can achieve the largest and longest impact. Learning a second language can:

- **Enhance creativity**
- **Stimulate problem-solving skills**
- **Improve critical thinking**
- **Strengthens empathy and understanding**
- **Increases intercultural understanding**

We have a multilingual team at all of our schools and each age group benefits from two sessions of modern languages throughout their day - language programmes delivered in music, in the arts, in story time and much, much more.

languages on offer: Mandarin is our primary second language although our staff can deliver Russian, French, Arabic, Bengali and soon Spanish!





STEM Activities

We take a more holistic approach to nurturing knowledge of numeracy. STEM blends **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering** and **Maths** into a more engaging series that teach volume, shape, measure, time and space, numbers and much more besides...

- **Numeracy**
- **Science Club**
- **Coding Club**
- **Cookery Club**
- **Design & Build**

Our STEM programmes graduate through the age groups we educate, with simple “science” of colour mixing, through to cookery club where we have to weigh and measure our mixtures to make the regional cuisine of the month.

The outcome - children who are numerically competent but technologically aware and can apply numbers in a creative context. You can read more about our programme [here](#)

Community Parties

We also throw community parties every term to celebrate one of the many international observances and festivals that are promoted by UNESCO and our partners at [Global Dimension](#)

These community parties aim to show case the teaching and learning that the children have benefitted from over the course of the period, and we always try to invite a local charity partner to show case the good work they do to our community

These parties are an opportunity for our existing families to meet our new families so they can share and celebrate in their children's learning with the teachers in a formal, social atmosphere. It's all about community, after all....

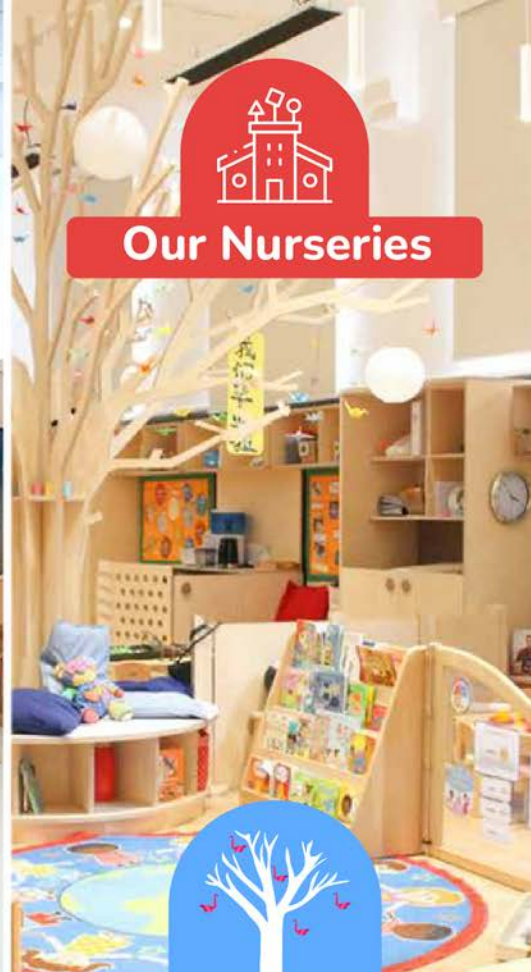


Routines

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 am	Breakfast & Registration	Breakfast & Registration	Breakfast & Registration	Breakfast & Registration	Breakfast & Registration
9:00 am	Circle & Story Time	Circle & Story Time	Circle & Story Time	Circle & Story Time	Circle & Story Time
9:15 am	Yoga / Pilates	Yoga / Pilates	Yoga / Pilates	Yoga / Pilates	Yoga / Pilates
9:30 am	Phonics & Reading	Letters & Writing	Phonics & Reading	Letters & Writing	Phonics & Reading
10:00 am	Number Counting	Grouping	Volume & Shape	Time & Space	Number Counting
10:30 am	Tidy Up & Snack	Tidy Up & Snack	Tidy Up & Snack	Tidy Up & Snack	Tidy Up & Snack
11:00 am	Pottery & Ceramics	Painting & Drawing	Textiles & Weaving	Dance & Drama	Music Class
11:30 am	Chinese Club	Chinese Club	Chinese Club	Chinese Club	Chinese Club
12:00 pm	Tidy Up & Lunch	Tidy Up & Lunch	Tidy Up & Lunch	Tidy Up & Lunch	Tidy Up & Lunch
12:30 pm	Outdoor Time Excursions and outings	Outdoor Time Excursions and outings	Outdoor Time Excursions and outings	Outdoor Time Excursions and outings	Outdoor Time Excursions and outings
3:00 pm	Music Class	Dance & Drama	Craft Design	Painting & Drawing	Pottery & Ceramics
3:30 pm	Writing Club	Phonics & Reading	Writing Club	Phonics & Reading	Writing Club
4:00 pm	Cookery Club	Science Club	Coding Club	Science Club	Cookery Club
4:30 pm	Tidy Up & Dinner	Tidy Up & Dinner	Tidy Up & Dinner	Tidy Up & Dinner	Tidy Up & Dinner
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Collections & Free Play	Collections & Free Play	Collections & Free Play	Collections & Free Play	Collections & Free Play



City of London



Westminster



Canada Water



Our Nurseries



Hatching Dragons City

The City nursery has an exciting programme linked to the rich array of **external amenities located nearby the nursery's central location, in the heart of the City of London.** The setting is only a couple of minutes walk from **St. Paul's Cathedral, Barbican Centre, Barbican Highwalk, Museum of London** and other historical sites throughout the City and local schools, parks and more.



Ali

Our City Deputy is an **energetic practitioner and fluent in three languages himself**, he fully understands the benefits of our multicultural programme. **He is Cache Level 5 qualified** in Children and Young People Workforce.





Hatching Dragons Westminster

80 place nursery located in a wonderful **Grade 1 listed School building** with **playground and gardens** in the heart of Pimlico, only a couple of minutes walk from **Tate Britain, the Albert Embankment, Westminster Abbey** and the **Houses of Parliament**. You cannot get better exposure to British culture, history and civilisation than here.



Sadia

Sadia has been with Hatching Dragons since **2016**, graduating from her apprenticeship into a **fully qualified teacher** over the years to lead the baby room and then preschool **and now oversees the school as a whole**.





Hatching Dragons Canada Water

Located next to Lavender Nature Reserve, our nursery in Rotherhithe provides the perfect environment for exploring and appreciating nature. **With an impressive playground, a neighbouring woodland and a pond, the adventurous spirit of any child, will flourish.** The Pumphouse offers spacious, brightly lit rooms, where we encourage children's cultural appreciation and understanding.



Lingwen

Lingwen is a qualified chinese teacher, specialising in the early years. She's the Mandarin lead at the school, graduating from her position as Baby Room Lead to now oversee delivery across the provision.





Settling in Process

A calm and paced approach helps children **adjust more smoothly** to nursery life. To create this successful approach, the nursery must **work in co-operation with you** and you in turn need to work in partnership with the setting.

Essentially, **the process is quite simple**: we employ a gradual approach to settling a child in, wherein the **mummy or daddy will attend nursery with the baby for 3-5 sessions**, depending on the baby's level of comfort, **each time reducing the amount of time** spent with the baby, so that the baby can acclimatize and get to know his or her key worker more intimately.



“Every child adjusts to new experiences differently so they need time and patience to settle into nursery”.

Food & Nutrition



At **Hatching Dragons**, we want to ensure that our children receive healthy, delicious meals throughout the day, that is why we have our own in-house chef to prepare tasty and diverse meals for your little ones. With a culturally rich and informed menu, our meals are designed to expand the palette of our children, with each dish packed full of flavour and nutrients!



What we provide

As part of our care for your child, and to ensure that hungry minds are fed to keep attention and activities rolling, we provide:

- **Breakfast:** As an option for those who request it.
- **Snack time:** Mid morning and afternoon.
- **Lunch:** A hearty two course meal to boost those energy reserves
- **Dinner:** Another large meal to round off the day



Example Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote
Mid Morning Snack	Melon and Apricot	Cream Cheese with Crackers	Cherry Tomato and Cucumbers	Strawberries and Bananas	Cheese and Cucumber
Lunch	Italian lentil ragu served with basmati rice	Roast chicken bites with a broccoli and pea pesto Served with egg free noodles	Tuna pasta bake with sweetcorn	Mild chicken tikka masala served with basmati rice	Creamy beef stroganoff with mushrooms served with crunchy potatoes
Mid Afternoon Snack	Yogurt and Fruit	Apples and Bananas	Yogurt and Fruit	Oranges and Bananas	Yogurt and Fruit
Dinner	Cod fish cakes with seasonal mixed vegetables served with baby jacket potatoes	Vegetarian goulash with smoked paprika served with basmati rice	Moroccan chicken tagine with apricots and courgettes served with herby couscous	Slow cooked beef stew with mushrooms served with crunchy diced potatoes	Chicken pasta bake with onions and juicy tomatoes and a sweet Vegetable carrot sauce

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Example Menu for a Baby

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote	Porridge and red summer compote
Mid Morning Snack	Melon and Apricot	Cream Cheese with Crackers	Cherry Tomato and Cucumbers	Strawberries and Bananas	Cheese and Cucumber
Lunch	Mixed bean and carrot with basmati rice	Chicken and broccoli with egg free noodles	Butter beans and sweetcorn with pasta	Chicken and tomatoes with rice	Beef with mushrooms and potatoes
Mid Afternoon Snack	Yogurt and Fruit	Apples and Bananas	Yogurt and Fruit	Oranges and Bananas	Yogurt and Fruit
Dinner	Pollack fish and mixed vegetables with potatoes	Butter beans and peppers with rice	Chicken with apricots and courgettes with couscous	Beef with mushrooms and potatoes	Chicken with tomatoes and pasta

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Parent Partnership



How we will communicate with you

The nursery employs a digital management system that allows us to correspond with parents directly via a mobile application. After the activation, you will be able to liaise with the nursery directly on issues such as attendance, late arrival or sickness.

Handover at Drop off & Collection

Your child's key person is responsible for providing you with oral feedback of your child's day when you come to collect or drop off. You can also give us feedback as to what your child may have done at home that might be worthy of note for the staff team to pick up in the day and to give us any information regarding health, injury, etc.

Daily Diaries

Your child's key worker is responsible for filling out the digital daily diary, which will be issued to you via the app at the end of each day. The diary note will include information on: nappy changes, meals, nap times and any accidents throughout the day. It will also record your child's attendance, who dropped off and at what time, along with a couple of photos of what he / she may have done during the day with brief commentary.

Termly Progress Updates

Every 4 months, the nursery management will be issuing you with an update of your child's progress (a summative assessment) based on the observations, assessments and activities undertaken by the key worker team. This normally convenes a key worker and parent meeting to discuss any areas of support that may be required.



More About Hatching Dragons



Holiday Camps

Our Holiday Camps provide **preschool education opportunities** to **travelling families** who want to experience our bilingual immersion.

We also cater for families who may be in term-only provisions who are looking for an interesting **educational care format** for their children **outside of school term time**.



Weekend Schools

Our Weekend Language Schools aim to provide children with the opportunity to **develop skills in Chinese on the weekends**.

During two hours, our children from **3 to 10 years old** learn Mandarin in a fun and creative format while working towards the **Youth Chinese Test**, a formal and recognised **certification of Chinese language**.





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Nanny Services

All our nannies are **Qualified in Childcare** to ensure that your little one obtains the **best of Early Years education**.

Forget about the endless search for a good nanny. We can help you find the best childcare at home.



Online Preschool

Encourage your child's skills in two of the most important languages in the world: English & Mandarin. Our Online Preschool offers **daily 30-minute sessions** to achieve that.

You can choose having either **3 or 5 Online Sessions per week**, in a bilingual format, just in Mandarin or both.





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