

Beginning in April 2024, Seibu Bunri Junior High School will introduce a new English course that we believe will enhance the learning experience and cater to the individual needs of our students. As part of this initiative, we will be organizing English classes based on students' proficiency levels, allowing for more targeted instruction and support. Students can request to join one of the following classes based on which best accommodates their learning needs.

Lesson Content	Pioneers	Explorers	Daredevils
Lessons per week	5	5	5
Immersion English using a foreign textbook	2	4	4
English lessons taught by a Japanese teacher	3	1 (grammar)	1 (grammar)
Textbooks	Game Changer New Horizon Smile Winning Saku Saku Writing	Game Changer Winning Saku Saku Writing	Game Changer Winning Saku Saku Writing

1. Pioneers:

Pioneer classes are designed for new English learners. The goal of the Pioneers class is to help students build up confidence and enjoy learning the English language through a variety of activities and tasks with a mixture of both immersion English classes and Japanese teacher taught lessons. Students in the Pioneer classes will not be required to undertake the end of term English exams. Instead they will be assessed on how actively they participate in classes and effort to complete assigned tasks.

2. Explorers:

Explorer classes are designed to improve students English ability through active lessons and projects. Apart from grammar classes, all lessons are taught in immersion English with support of a Japanese-speaking teacher. Students in the Explorer classes will undertake end of term tests based on the content covered in classes as well as being assessed on class participation and completion of assigned tasks.

3. Daredevils:

Daredevil classes are designed for students who either have a fair to high understanding of the English language or are highly motivated to achieve in English studies. Apart from grammar lessons, all classes are taught in immersion English with a Japanese speaking teacher present. The pace and content of these classes are more advanced than the Explorers class. Students in the Daredevil classes will undertake end of term tests based on the content covered in classes as well as being assessed on class participation and completion of assigned tasks.

Here are some key features of the new English courses:

**Customized Instruction:** Each class will be tailored to the specific needs of students within their proficiency level. This personalized approach will enable teachers to address individual strengths and areas for improvement effectively.

**Differentiated Learning:** Students will benefit from differentiated instruction strategies that cater to various learning styles and abilities. Whether your child is a beginner or an advanced English learner, they will receive instruction that meets their unique needs.

**Small Group Instruction:** With classes divided by proficiency levels, teachers will be able to provide more focused attention to each student. This smaller class size will facilitate greater interaction, participation, and engagement in learning activities.

**Continuous Assessment and Feedback:** Regular assessment and feedback will be integral components of the curriculum. This ongoing evaluation will help track students' progress, identify areas of growth, and provide timely support to ensure academic success.

We believe that this new English course will empower students to develop their language skills with confidence and proficiency. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to supporting your child's learning journey and fostering a positive and inclusive classroom environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new English curriculum, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your input and look forward to working together to ensure the success of all our students.