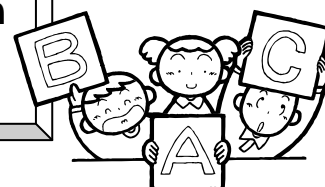


English classes will be brought in experimentally in Higashimachi Elementary School in FY2011!



What is an English class?

This is a class for foreign children and Japanese returnee children with the idea of getting them into a normal class of Higashimachi Elementary School. The aim is to create an environment in which children can learn from others, and develop through friendly competition.

For Japanese children, the class is expected to provide more opportunities to be proactive in communicating in English. For foreign children and Japanese returnee children, it will be possible to receive subject lessons in English as well as maintain and improve their English ability.

We intend to enhance the quality of international education so that both Japanese and foreign children in an English class can be exposed to diverse cultures and values, and can promote cross-cultural understanding from a broader perspective.

Details

● Overall classroom instruction ●

In addition to a normal homeroom teacher, an ALT (assistant language teacher), who is qualified as an elementary school teacher, will be assigned. Those two teachers will manage a class in tandem.

The participation of an ALT in various classroom activities, including morning homeroom, break, lunch, afternoon homeroom, and classroom discussion, will enable children to hear native English at all times. Particularly at lunch time, an ALT will have lunch with the children and ask them various questions, for example, "What's in those dishes?" It is hoped they will automatically develop a willingness and ability to communicate in English.

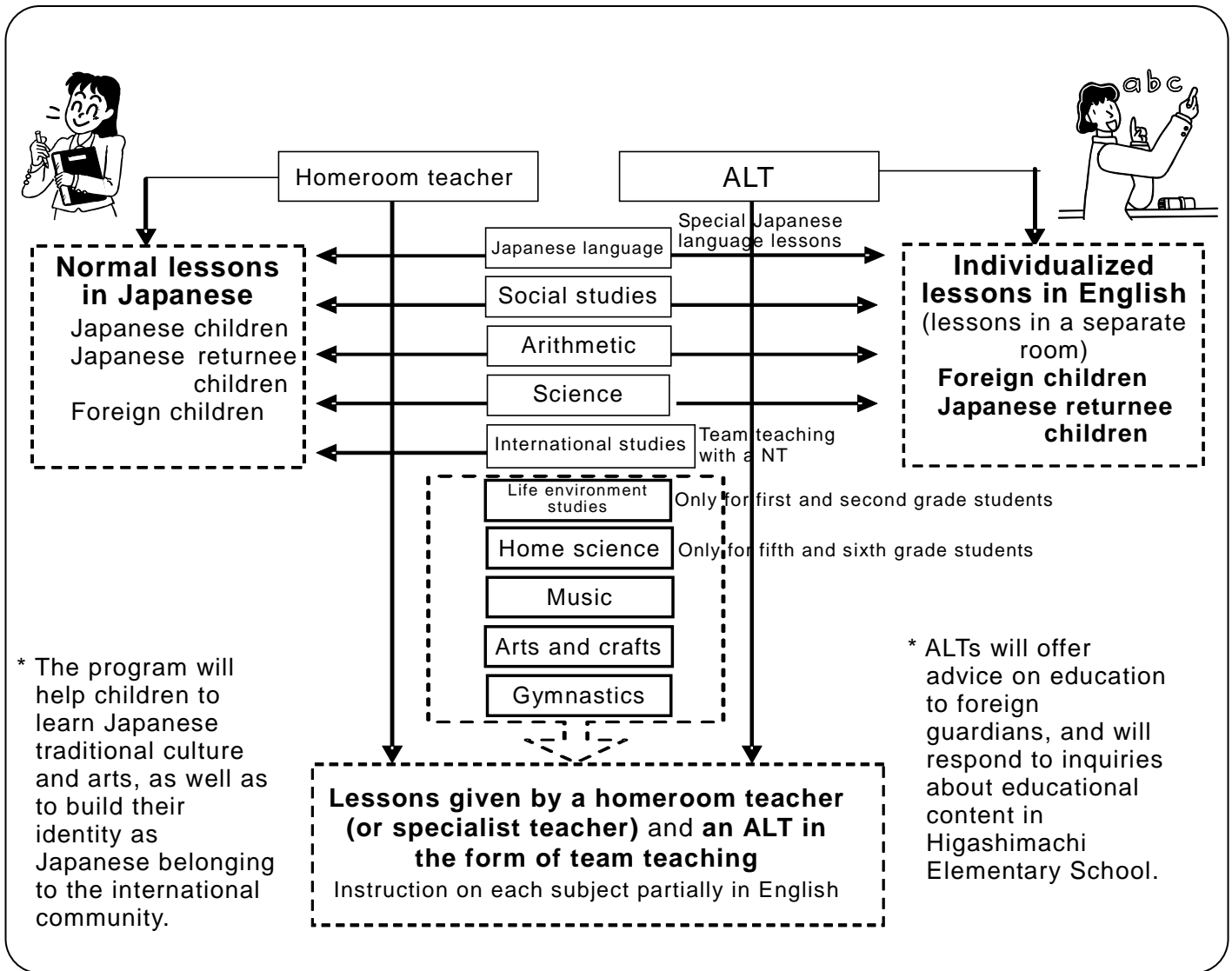
For foreign children, an ALT will make them feel at ease by always being next to them. An ALT will also encourage them to express their ideas and feelings in English, so they can leverage the valuable experience and values acquired in foreign countries, and develop a sense of self-affirmation.

● Lessons (subject teaching) ●

As for subjects involving practical skill learning, including music, arts and crafts and gymnastics, a homeroom teacher (or a specialist teacher) and an ALT will give lessons in the form of team teaching (TT). Japanese children and foreign children receive instruction together, partially in English.

As for subjects, including Japanese language, social studies, arithmetic, and science, Japanese children receive instruction from their homeroom teacher as in normal classes. At the request of foreign children and Japanese returnee children, their ALT will give them individualized lessons on social studies, arithmetic and science in English. In the Japanese language class, they may receive special lessons on Japanese language.

In the international studies class, a homeroom teacher and a NT (native teacher) will give lessons in the form of team teaching as in the past.



Future plans

In FY2011, three ALTs are scheduled to be assigned in September, and the program mentioned above will be implemented gradually as a trial. After examining the trial results, it will be fully implemented in FY2012. It is planned that a total of six ALTs, one ALT in each grade, will be assigned in FY2012.

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