



Dolphin Class Newsletter December 2015

Hello Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the school play, now that it's December we will be preparing for the Christmas activity and also doing lots of Christmas themed activities in class. The class have been working hard and their English is steadily improving.

Reading Since this is the first semester the class will be reading very simple books with only a limited number of words and lots of repetition of sentence patterns. I hope parents can encourage their children to look at the English books at home. The more they see English words, the easier it will be to recognize and read words. The students will not learn to read this semester, they will really only be able to memorise the sentences and learn to associate them with the pictures. This is fine; the reading class is still very valuable in terms of expanding vocabulary and developing pronunciation. They will learn to recognise a a lot of items like dogs, cats, apples, etc...

Week 1: Too Many Dogs

Week 3: The Lion and the Mouse

Week 5: The Poky Little Puppy

Week 2: Sleepy Dog

Week 4: Christmas Show Preparation

Gross and Fine Motor Skills This class uses two coloring/activity books. Colors and shapes and numbers. These books let the students practice holding crayons and pencils and drawing the outlines of numbers and letters. They are also a nice way to reinforce vocabulary for colors and shapes and develop number and letter recognition. As well as completing the books I also give the students some extra worksheets so they can have more practice tracing shapes and lines. Generally the students who like to draw pictures tend to develop their motor skills much more quickly, so encouraging your child to draw will have benefits in this area.

Core Skills – Conversation and Reading During December we will cover unit 3 of the core skills book. The first week covers “Rules To Go By” and the sentences “I can” and “I like to”. Week 2 covers the five senses so we will have lots of sentences like “I can see...”, “I can hear...” This is a good unit because it be taught with pictures and also sounds of animals, cars, sirens, etc to help reinforce the sentence patterns. The third week covers “go to the”, so we can cover the book and maybe some extra vocabulary for different locations. Week 4 is “Time for work”, which is mostly about fire fighters but I will teach some extra vocabulary like police officer, etc. The last week of December is “Meet your Neighbours”, this unit is about neighbours, so

we can learn “house” and “door and some other words. As well as using the books I also do a lot of general conversation with the class - “give me the X please”, “I have...”, “I don’t have...”

Week 1: Rules to go by

Week 3: The Places We Go

Week 5: Meet Your Neighbors

Week 2: Sounds Around us

Week 4: Time For Work

Math: We are back to MPM and now we are doing book 4. The first two weeks concentrate on matching functions. The students need to use counters or stickers to match things to what they see in the book. The second two weeks concentrate on counting, which is always useful for the students.

Week 1: Matching Properties

Week 3: Counting Objects

Week 5: Counting Objects

Week 2: Matching Properties

Week 4: Christmas Practice

Physical Education I plan and implement activities for the classes each week. The students have a good mix of different games to play during PE classes, the students will have lots of fun. For PE I like to give the students obstacle courses and relay races and other activities that are fairly easy to understand.

Week 1: Obstacle Course

Week 2: Relay Race

Week 3: Grab the Baton

Week 4: Tricycle Race

Week 5: Relay Race

Thematic Activity The English teachers get an opportunity to plan a month of thematic activities. These can consist of art projects, a short field trip to the park, or a class project to be done within the classroom. December's thematic will obviously be Christmas related.

Week 1: Reindeer Mask

Week 2: Mini Christmas Tree

Week 3: Christmas Puzzle

Week 4: Wreath

Week 5: New Year

Song and Dance The school day starts with song and dance. The children get the chance to move around and have some fun before we start our first class. I also like to have them practice between classes or at the end of the day sometimes so that the students have the opportunity to move around and have some fun rather than sit for extended periods of time.

Week 1: Wheels on the bus

Week 2: Rain rain go away

Week 3: Rain rain go away

Week 4: This is the way

Week 5: This is the way

Courtesy, Healthy Habits and Safety Every week we have a class for teaching different things related to health and safety. This could be washing hands or playing safely in the playground. The class is a good opportunity to address any issues that have come up in the classroom or the playground.

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin



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親愛的爸爸媽媽：

希望你們很享受我們的戲劇演出，現在是 12 月了，我們會開始為聖誕節活動做準備，在班上也會有許多聖誕節相關的活動。在班上的大家都很努力，而他們的英文能力正穩定的進步中。

Reading 這是第一學期，所以在課堂上會開始閱讀有限定的單字和許多重複的句子組合類型的簡易的書籍。希望爸爸媽媽能鼓勵孩子在家多看英文書籍。當他們看了更多的英文字，在認字及閱讀上會更加容易。這學期，孩子不會接觸到如何閱讀的方法，他們實際上只能記得句子並學習把句子和圖片做連結。這是沒關係的，閱讀課在擴展孩子的字彙量並建立發音上依舊是十分珍貴的，他們會學習去認識各種項目，例如狗，貓，蘋果...等等單字。

Week 1: Too Many Dogs

Week 2: Sleepy Dog

Week 3: The Lion and the Mouse

Week 4: 聖誕節表演準備

Week 5: The Poky Little Puppy

Gross and Fine Motor Skills 這門課程使用兩本書，著色/活動。顏色，形狀和數字。這些書讓孩子能練習握住蠟筆，鉛筆和描寫數字及字母。這也是一個很好的方式用來加強顏色，形狀的字彙及發展數字和字母的認知。除了完成書裡的練習，我也會給孩子一些練習卷，讓他們能在描寫形狀和線條上有多一些的練習。通常喜歡畫圖的孩子，能比較快的建立他們的小肌肉發展，鼓勵您的孩子畫圖會有益於小肌肉的發展。

Core Skills – Conversation and Reading 在 12 月，我們會開始核心技巧課本中的第三章節。第一週的內容為“遵守規則”，使用的句子為“我可以”“我喜歡去...”。第二週的內容為五個感官，所以我們會學到以下許多句型，“我可以看到...”“我可以聽到...”。這是一個很有趣的章節，因為我會以圖片的方式做教學，加上動物、車子、警報器等等的聲音去協助加強句型構造。第三週為“去到...”，除了課本的部分，或許也會加入其他不同地方的單字。第四週為“工作時間，”大部分會提到消防隊員，但我也會帶入不同的單字例如警察。12 月的最後一個禮拜為“和鄰居見面”，大家能學到房子，門及其他相關單字。除了課本內容，我也會和班上孩子做許多對話練習-“請給我...”“我有...”“我沒有...”。

Week 1: 遵守規則

Week 2: 在我們四周的聲音

Week 3: 我們去的地方

Week 4: 工作時間

Week 5: 和鄰居見面

Math 我們重新回到 MPM 數學並開始 book 4。在前兩週我們會專注在配對練習，學生會使用物件或貼紙去和他們在書上看見的東西做配對。後兩週會專注在數數字，這對孩子來說是很實用的課程。

Week 1: 物件配對

Week 3: 數東西

Week 5: 數東西

Week 2: 物件配對

Week 4: 聖誕節練習

Physical Education 每週的課程我會計劃並實行活動，學生在體能課中有不同的遊戲融合一起玩，大家會玩得很愉快。體能課的部分，我喜歡讓孩子做障礙賽、接力賽，或是其他較易了解的活動。

Week 1: 障礙賽

Week 3: 接力棒

Week 2: 接力賽

Week 4: 三輪車比賽

Thematic Activity 英文老師會計劃每個月的主題活動。這些活動中包含藝術，到公園戶外活動，或在教室中完成全班的任務。十二月份的主題活動為聖誕節。

Week 1: 馴鹿面具

Week 2: 迷你聖誕樹

Week 3: 聖誕拼圖

Week 4: 花圈

Week 5: 新年

Song and Dance 每天上課前會從歌曲和舞蹈開始。孩子們有機會在第一節課開始前可以動一動身體並開心地享受。我也會請孩子在課與課中間或是一天課程結束前做一些活動，讓他們可以有機會動動身體並開心地享受這段時間，而不是再坐更久的時間。

Week 1: Wheels on the bus

Week 2~3: Rain rain go away

Week 4~5: This is the way..

Courtesy, Healthy Habits and Safety 每週我們會有一節課是關於健康與安全的事物。這有可能是洗手或在遊戲區安全的玩樂。這堂課提供一個很好的機會去讓孩子注意到任何可能發生在教室及遊樂區的狀況。

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin