



Dolphin Class Newsletter February and March 2016

Hello Parents,

It's the beginning of a new semester and I am looking forward to building on the progress the class made in the first semester. I will be in England this month so the class will be covered by Teacher Cecilia and also by Teacher Brant. There are no special activities in February and parents evening will take place in March instead. During the first semester the class made a lot of progress and most of the students are now fairly good at sounding out three letter words. We will spend the first 2 months on short vowels and more sounding out of three letter words and once I am confident that the class understand this we can start on consonant blends and simple four letter words.

Reading

Now that it's the second semester we will be moving onto slightly more complicated books and I plan to increase the number of sight words the students learn this semester as well as continuing with phonics. This semester I expect that we can start on consonant blends like "tr" "sh", etc... 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: Hot Dog

Week 2: Winter Vacation

Week 3: May I Please Have a Cookie?

Week 4: Hello, School Bus

Week 5: Tae Kwon Do

Week 6: Chicks

Week 7: I Love Snow

Week 8: I Love Colors

Week 9: I am Lost

Gross and Fine Motor Skills

This class uses two In semester one we completed the Colors and Shapes book, I did not start the letters book as I wanted to wait until the kids had a better grasp of the alphabet so that is what we will be doing this semester. In addition I will also give the students additional worksheets I find on the internet to give them more practice at tracing shapes.

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 February we will be completing book 5 – Wonders of Nature. The book continues to build on the same simple three letter words that will allow the class to develop their reading ability. This book focuses on plants and animals. As well as practising the reading we can also talk a little about animals and plants and what they need to grow.

In March we will start book 6 – Weather for all Seasons. Week 5 is “four seasons”, week 6 is “What's the Weather”, week 7 is “Stormy Weather” and Week 8 is a review week. This unit has lots of opportunities for teaching extra vocabulary and sentence patterns.

Week 1: Unit 5 – How Does your Garden grow?

Week 2: Winter Vacation

Week 3: Unit 5 - Trees

Week 4: Unit 5 – Fresh from the Farm

Week 5: Unit 6 – The Four Seasons

Week 6: Unit 6 – What's the Weather

Week 7: Unit 6 – Stormy Weather

Week 8: Unit 6 – Books 5 and 6 Review

Week 9: Unit 7 – Baby Animals

Math

This semester's MPM is fairly similar to last semester; it covers shapes, numbers and some writing and pattern practice. There are lots of logic based exercises where the students have to grasp a rule or concept then apply it to the next exercise. As well as doing the work we also do practice work and review on the whiteboard. Each MPM set comes with large props for the teacher which are useful for explain things before we open the book. We also have a fun sticker book to use each month.

Week 1: Properties – shapes/colors

Week 2: Winter Vacation

Week 3: Reciting Numbers

Week 4: Review/Book of Discovery

Week 5: Properties – shapes/colors

Week 6: Reciting Numbers

Week 7: Spatial Description

Week 8: Review/Book of Discovery

Week 9: Counting Objects

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: Grab the baton

Week 2: Winter Vacation

Week 3: Obstacle Course

Week 4: Tricycle Race

Week 5: Obstacle Relay Race

Week 6: Find the balls

Week 7: Basketball race

Week 8: Obstacle Course

Week 9: Jumping 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.

Week 1: Chinese New Year Decoration

Week 2: Winter Vacation

Week 3: Spring

Week 4: Spring

Week 5: Japan

Week 6: Japan

Week 7: America

Week 8: America

Week 9: England

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: We Will Rock You

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Week 4: We Will Rock You

Week 5: I Will Follow Him

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Week 8: The Shapes Threw a Party

Week 9: The Shapes Threw a Party

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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親愛的家長您好，

新學期即將開始，我很期待並會把班上在第一學期的表現繼續的維持並進步下去。這個月我會在英國，所以會由 Teacher Cecilia 及 Teacher Brant 代課，二月份沒有特別活動舉行，而家長日會在三月舉行，在第一學期孩子們有很多的進步，大部分的孩子都能把三個字母的單字發音出來，前兩個月我們會著重在短母音和更多的三個字母的單字上，當我確定孩子們對這部分沒有問題之後，我們就會開始學習子音群及簡單的四個字母單字。

Reading

從第二學期開始，我們會進入到難度稍微高一點的書籍，我計畫把英文常見字的字數加多以及繼續發音的練習。而這學期我希望能開始子音群，例如 “tr” “sh”。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。

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Gross and Fine Motor Skills

在第一學期我們完成了著色和形狀的書，我沒有開始字母的書因為我想要等到孩子對字母有更多的認識，而這也是這學期我們會開始的課程，除此之外，我也會給孩子在網路上的練習卷，讓大家在描繪形狀上有更多的練習。基本上喜歡畫圖的學生在小肌肉的發展上會較快，所以鼓勵孩子畫畫會幫助他們在這個領域的發展。

Core Skills – Conversation and Reading

二月份我們會完成第五本書 - Wonders of Nature (大自然探索)，這本書持續地讓孩子練習簡單的三個字母單字，並能讓大家的閱讀技巧繼續進步。這本書的主題著重在植物和動物，除了閱讀的練習外，我們也會談到動物和植物生長需要的東西。

三月份我們會開始第六本書-Weather for all Seasons (四季的天氣)，第五週是四季，第六週是天氣如何？第七週是暴風雨，第八週是複習週。這系列的章節能讓孩子們學習到更多的字彙和句子結構。

Week 1: Unit 5 –你的花園照顧得怎樣?

Week 2: 寒假

Week 3: Unit 5 – 樹木

Week 4: Unit 5 – 清淨的農場

Week 5: Unit 6 – 四季

Week 6: Unit 6 – 天氣如何

Week 7: Unit 6 – 暴風雨

Week 8: Unit 6 – 複習

Week 9: Unit 7 – 動物寶寶

Math

這學期的數學課程與上學期很相似，課程內容包含形狀、數字和書寫及圖案練習。有許多運用邏輯的練習，學生必須理解規則或概念並應用在練習中。除了練習之外，我們也會在白板上做練習和複習，每一個 MPM 的盒子裡都有許多道具能讓老師在打開課本前使用並解釋給孩子們聽，每個月也有好玩的貼紙書可以運用。

Week 1: 特性 - 形狀/顏色

Week 2: 寒假

Week 3: 數字背誦

Week 4: 複習/Book of Discovery

Week 5: 特性-形狀/顏色

Week 6: 數字背誦

Week 7: 空間描述

Week 8: 複習/Book of Discovery

Week 9: 數物件

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: 接力棒

Week 2: 寒假

Week 3: 障礙賽

Week 4: 三輪車比賽

Week 5: 障礙接力賽

Week 6: 找尋球

Week 7: 籃球比賽

Week 8: 障礙賽

Week 9: 跳躍比賽

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。

Week 1: 新年佈置
Week 2: 寒假
Week 3: 春天
Week 4: 春天
Week 5: 日本
Week 6: 日本
Week 7: 美國
Week 8: 美國
Week 9: 英國

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。

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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