



## **FROG CLASS**

### **2016 April Newsletter**

Hello! Welcome to the Frog Class monthly newsletter for April. This month will be full of fun and challenging activities for the students to enjoy. We will also have time to review what they have previously learnt. Towards the end of April Frog Class will start to practice for the drama play and learn the new songs.

Let's take a look at April...

#### **Reading**

We read the reading books several times every day. I am very strict when it comes to reading time. Everyone sits down on the floor and we read together following the words with our fingers.

Often the kids will have questions about the story and about words they don't understand. I positively encourage questions about the reading material and make sure they understand.

After reading together, individuals are chosen to read to the whole class so their pronunciation can be checked and corrected if necessary. Sometimes during outdoor play I will give extra reading practice and attention to those who need it.

Week 1 - Review.

Week 2 - 'Wake Up, Sun!' - A comedy about a menagerie of barnyard animals who mistakenly think the sun has forgotten to rise. Designed for children just beginning to read, the story's vocabulary is simple, yet is smoothly written.

Week 3 - 'My New Boy' - A twist in a sense as it's the dog that tells the story about his new master.

Week 4 - '(The Berenstain Bears) By the Sea' - Brother and Sister can't wait to go swimming. But first, there are many jobs to do in the Bear Family's summer house. There are rooms to clean, groceries to put away, closets to air out, suitcases to unpack, and on and on. Will the cubs ever get to dip their tootsies in the sea?

#### **Core Material**

The Core Material books this semester are very good with nice pictures and many useful words. There are three books, a reading/writing Workshop workbook, a writing workbook and a Literature Anthology reading book.

Week 1 - Cat up and Review

Week 2 - Unit 2 Week 2 Anthology - 'Buildings All Around'. 'The Pigs, the Wolf, and the Mud' (A variation on 'The Three Little Pigs' story) and a look at 'Homes Around the World'.

Week 3 - Review + Assessment + Spelling

Week 4 - Drama Practice

### **MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)**

The new MPM math book is more advanced and builds upon the knowledge acquired from the previous math books.

Week 1 - Book D3 P1-5 - Quantity comparison, shape correspondence, counting objects, the comparison sign (Pacman), practice drawing circles, and writing numerals.

Week 2 - Book D3 P6-10 - Quantity comparison, counting objects, colours correspondence, practice drawing circles, non-numerical comparisons of length, height, and distance, practice drawing check marks, circles and crosses.

Week 3 - Book D3 P11-14 - Numerical comparisons of length and height, counting objects, practice writing numerals, practice drawing check marks, circles and crosses, left and right positions, shapes and colours correspondence.

Week 4 - Drama practice.

### **Song and Dance**

We have song & dance classes in the mornings to create a group bond & promote confidence.

Song & dance is also a great way to wake the kids up in the mornings and get them ready & energised for the days lessons.

### **Thematic Activities**

Thematic studies are a series of lessons that focus on a country or festival.

Thematic studies lessons are once week and last for one month on the same subject.

The kids get to learn about other cultures, countries and events from all over the world.

### **Library**

Once a week the class will visit the library to read a storybook. This a popular lesson with the kids because they love to listen to the teacher read them a good story.

The class will sit and listen to the teacher, enjoying looking at the pictures in the book as the story is read to them.

They also have the opportunity to borrow a book for the week to take home and read by themselves or with mummy & daddy.

### **Outdoor Play & Small Group Speaking Training**

This is a great opportunity to interact with the kids and discuss general topics and conversation with them. We can talk about a variety of topics that are of interest to the kids such as games, cartoons, sports and also use this time to practice some of the topics we have been learning in lessons.

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So as you can see, we have a lot of reviewing this month. We will also start to practice the drama play. We will also have the School Sports Day in April.

Kind regards.

Teacher Rich.



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青蛙班四月份資訊

嗨！！歡迎來到四月份青蛙班的資訊。這個月孩子們會享受著充滿趣味和挑戰的活動。我們也有一些時間將會複習我們先前所教過的課程。四月底，青蛙班將會開始練習戲劇表演以及學習新的歌曲。

讓我們來看看四月份

#### **Reading**

我們每一天閱讀讀本許多次，當涉及到閱讀時，我是很嚴格的。每個人坐在地板上且我們跟隨我們的手指一起閱讀。

往往孩子們會有一些故事或是他們不懂的語詞問題，我會積極鼓勵他們對於閱讀的問題以確保他們了解內容。

經過一起閱讀後，選擇一個人閱讀給全班聽，可以檢查他們的發音在必要時修正。有時在戶外遊戲時，我會進行額外的閱讀練習。我會留意哪些人是需要的。

第一週 – 複習。

第二週 - 'Wake Up, Sun!' – 一個喜劇是有關於農場中的動物誤會太陽沒有升起。這是專門位剛開始閱讀的孩子所設計的，這故事的單字很簡單，也很容易寫。

第三週 - 'My New Boy' – 一隻知覺扭曲的狗在敘述有關新主人的故事。

第四周 - '(The Berenstain Bears) By the Sea' – 哥哥和妹妹迫不及待的想要去游泳。但是首先，在熊家族夏天的房子裡，有許多得工作必須完成。有許多的房間需要清理，雜物須放回原位，空出衣櫃，行李箱需要取出來，等...。小雄能否將腳泡在海裡呢？

#### **Core Material**

本學期的 Core Material 很好，裡面有很棒的圖片和許多有幫助的語詞。我們有閱讀/寫作的練習本、寫作的練習本以及文學選集閱讀，共三本書。

第一週 – 追趕進度以及複習。

第二週 – Unit 2 Week 2 Anthology – 全能建築。豬、野狼和泥土（三隻小豬故事的改版）以及看看家環遊世界。

第三週 - 複習+評量+拼寫。

第四周 – 練習戲劇表演。

#### **MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)**

新的 MPM 數學有許多進階且建構在之前學得的數學知識上。

第一周 –Book D3 P1-5 –數量的比較、形狀的對應，物體的數數，符號的配對(遊戲)，練習畫圓型以及寫數字。

第二周 –Book D3 P6-10 -數量的比較，物體的數數，顏色的對應，練習畫圓型，非數字的長度、高度和距離的比較，練習打勾；圓形和交叉。

第三周 –Book D3 P11-14 –長度和高度的數值比較、物體的數數，練習寫數字，練習打勾、圓形和交叉，左和右的位置，形狀和顏色的對應。

第四周 –練習戲劇表演。

### **Song and Dance**

我們每天早上有唱歌和跳舞的課程創造出團結與增進信心。

唱歌和跳舞是早上喚醒孩子的一個很好的方式且讓他們準備一整天的精力。

### **Thematic Activities**

主題研究是一系列的課程，主要是重視一個國家和節慶。

主題研究課程一個星期一次，同一個主題持續一個月。

孩子們從世界各地了解其他文化、國家和活動。

Week 1 – 墨西哥

Week 2 – 墨西哥

Week 3 – 法國

Week 4 – 發國

### **Courtesy, Healthy Habits & Safety**

這個課程是教導及提醒孩子基本的常規、安全和衛生。

這個課程幫助實施學校的政策，他的範圍在上完廁所要洗手、清潔他們的桌子和說...“請”、“謝謝”等。

### **Library**

一週一次的課程將會去參觀圖書館並且閱讀故事書，這是孩子們熱愛的課程，因為他們喜歡聽老師閱讀故事。

班上會坐著聽老師說故事，享受著看故事中的圖片讀著故事書給他們聽。

他們每星期也有機會借書回家，自己閱讀或是和爸爸媽媽一起閱讀。

### **Outdoor Play & Small Group Speaking Training**

這是一個很好與孩子互動、討論和談話的機會，我們可以討論各種他們有興趣的話題，像是遊戲、漫畫、運動，也會利用這段時間練習我們在學習的課程。

如同您所見的，這個月我們有許多的複習。我們也將開始練習我們的戲劇表演。我們在四月也有運動會。

Kind regards.

Teacher Rich.