



## **FROG CLASS 2016May Newsletter**

Hello! Welcome to the Frog Class monthly newsletter for May.

Before we look at what's to come in May, let's take a look at what happened in April. April was a very busy month with lots of activities such as the sports day and the school field trip.

In May we will have the school drama show. The students have already been introduced to the story and have been practicing their lines.

In fact most of May has been dedicated to practicing for the show.

So let's take a look at what is to come in May...

### **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 - The Berenstain Bears Catch the Bus - It's 7:45 a.m. and Gus the bus driver is on his way. But the Cubs aren't even up yet! Will they miss the bus?

Week 2 - The Cows are in the Corn - Oh no! Brother wakes up one morning to find that the cows are in the corn, the pigs are in the figs, the goats are in the oats, and the rams are in the yams!

Week 3 - Ready for Takeoff! - Clear the runway and get ready for take-off with this new reader about the LEGO City airport! Kids will explore the air traffic control tower, watch the workers load the baggage trucks, join the passengers boarding the plane, and take-off with the pilot in the cockpit.

Week 4 - My Loose Tooth - "Do lions have this problem, too? What do sharks and hippos do?" This Step 1 book is perfect for first-time readers and those about to lose their first tooth!

### **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.

Weeks 1-3 - Drama Practice

Week 4 - Unit 2 Week 3 Workshop - 'Animals at Home' -We learn about where in the world different animals live. We also look at vocabulary associated with this topic with 'End Blends' such as 'st' for 'fast' or 'nt' for 'plant'.

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

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

Weeks 1-3 - Drama Practice.

Week 4 - Frog Class is actually ahead of schedule on MPM. We are already on book 4. The kids have already started to learn simple addition and also the sequencing/order of objects e.g. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

### **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.

Weeks 1-3 - Drama Song Practice.

Week 4 - 'One elephant went out to play'

### **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.

Week 1~2 – France

Week 3~4 – England

### **Library**

Once a week the class will visit the library to read a storybook. This is 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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As you can see there is a lot of drama play practicing. But we will still have many other things to do such as reading books to break up the monotony of the constant drama play rehearsals.

I look forward to seeing you guys at the drama play. See you then.

Teacher Rich.



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嗨！歡迎來到五月份青蛙班的資訊。

在我們看五月份之前，讓我們來看看四月份發生什麼事。四月份是一個非常忙碌的月份，我們有很多活動，像是運動會以及戶外教學。

在五月份我們將會有戲劇的表演。學生們已經被帶入故事中，並且開始練習他們的台詞。事實上五月份一直都在練習表演。

讓我們來看看五月份...

### **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 - The Berenstain Bears Catch the Bus - 現在是早上 7:45 Gus 公車司機已經在路上了。但是小雄還沒有起床！他們會錯過這班公車嗎？

第二週 - The Cows are in the Corn - 不好了！哥哥有一天醒來發現乳牛在玉米裡，小豬在衣服裡，山羊在燕麥裡，以及公羊在山藥裡！

第三週 - 'Ready for Takeoff!' - 清除跑道並且準備與新的讀者在樂高城市中的機場起飛！孩子們將會探討空中交通控制塔，看工人將行李放進貨箱，旅客登入飛機，以及將要起飛在駕駛艙中的飛行員。

第四週 - 'My Loose Tooth' - "獅子也有這樣的問題嗎？"鯊魚和河馬要做什麼？這是第一本完美的書，為了第一次讀者以及那些掉第一顆牙齒的人！

### **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。

第一~三週 - 練習戲劇表演。

第四週 - Unit 2 Week 3 Workshop - 'Animals at Home' - 我們學習不一樣動物的住所。我們也看到這主題的字尾混合的相關的語詞，像是 'st' 為 'fast' 或是 'nt' 為 'plant'.

### **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。

第一~三週 - 練習戲劇表演。

第四週 - 青蛙班的 MPM 已經超前進度。我們已經進入第四本。孩子們已經開始學習簡單的加法以及序列/物體的順序如第一個、第二個和第三個。

### **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。

第一~三週 – 練習戲劇表演。

第四週 – ‘One elephant went out to play’

### **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。

第一週 – 法國

第二週 – 法國

第三週 – 英國

第四週 – 英國

### **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。

如你所見有許多的戲劇練習。但是我們仍然有許多事情需要去做，像是閱讀去打破不斷單調戲劇練習。

我期待在戲劇表演中看到你們。到時見！

Teacher Rich.