



## **Dolphin Class Newsletter**

### **May 2016**

Hello Parents,

During May we will be preparing for the school play, there are no other events this month and the play will be on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>. The last play went well and I'm sure this one will too, the kids will have a few more lines but will still talk in groups of three or four kids. The theme of the play is teamwork and taking care of the environment.

Reading Since it's now the second semester the class are reading slightly more advanced books with longer sentences but most of the books still have a lots of repetition of sentence patterns. As well as reading the book I also ask the students lots of questions about the stories so they can have practice answering questions. 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 lot of items like dogs, cats, apples, etc...

Week 1: Look for the Lorax

Week 2: Pizza Party

Week 3: Gus Makes a Gift

Week 4: Monster Math

#### Gross and Fine Motor Skills

We have finished the shapes and colors book now, so we are completing the alphabet a book as well as a handwriting practice book, which the kids are doing fairly well at, most of them have picked up the pen strokes pretty quickly. 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

The subjects for May are transport and jobs, so this should be a good unit with lots of interesting vocabulary for the kids to learn. The class already know a lot of animals so we can do some review and also talk about what they eat and where they live.

The week of May is "Moving Along", the class will learn the words "here" and "me". After this we will do "The American Way" which introduces the words "this" and "what". The final unit is "High in the Sky!" which has a vocabulary review. We can also use some of this time for drama practice.

Week 1: Unit 8 – Moving Along  
Week 3: Unit 8 – High in the Sky

Week 2: Unit 8 – The American Way  
Week 4: Unit 8 – Unit Review

Math: There is not much MPM this month as we will be using these classes for drama practice.

Week 1~3: Drama Practice  
Week 4: Big Book

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: Sack Race  
Week 3: Obstacle Course  
Week 4: 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. May's thematic will be about two foreign countries.

Week 1: France  
Week 2: France  
Week 3: England  
Week 4: 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 1~4: Drama Practice

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. I also use this time for general conversation practice, things like "May I have ...", "I want the ..." etc.

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin



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親愛的爸爸媽媽：

五月份我們會為戲劇表演做準備，這個月只有戲劇的活動，日期訂為五月二十號星期五。大家在上一次的戲劇表現得很好，我相信五月的表演一樣會很精采。孩子們的台詞會增加一些，大家會分組一起講話，戲劇的主題為“團隊合作”和“保護環境”。

#### 閱讀

現在是第二學期，我們會閱讀難度較高一點的書，句子也較長，但大部分的書籍中，有許多重複的句型。除了閱讀之外，我也會問孩子們和故事相關的問題，讓他們練習回答問題。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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#### 小肌肉運動技巧

我們完成了“形狀”及“著色”這兩本書，所以我們現在正在進行“字母”和“手寫書”，而孩子們的完成度都很棒，大部分的孩子都能很快地描繪。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。

#### 核心技巧-會話及與閱讀

五月份的主題為交通與職業，這會是一個很棒的章節，孩子們可以學到許多有趣的單字，第一週的單元“Moving Along”，孩子們會學到“here”，“me”等等單字。接下來為“The American Way”，大家會學到“this”，“what”。最後一個單元是“High in the Sky”，我們會開始作單字的複習，我們也會利用時間做戲劇的練習。

**Week 1: Unit 8 – Moving Along**

**Week 2: Unit 8 – The American Way**

**Week 3: Unit 8 – High in the Sky**

## Week 4: Unit 8 – Unit Review

### 數學

這個月的 MPM 數學課我們會讓孩子練習戲劇。

Week 1~3: 戲劇練習

Week 4: 大書

### 體能

每週的課程我會計劃一些活動，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: 接住接力棒

Week 2: 兩腿套入布袋內而賽跑

Week 3: 障礙賽

Week 4: 接力賽

### 主題活動:

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，五月份的主題為兩個國家。

Week 1~2: 法國

Week 3~4: 英國

### 歌曲與舞蹈

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 1~4: 戲劇練習

### 禮貌，健康習慣及安全

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。我也會利用這節課做會話的練習，例如“我可以...”“我想要...”這些句型。

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin