



FROG CLASS

August / September Newsletter

Hello! And welcome back to the new semester. Frog Class are now K5 and in their final year. It's hard to believe the students have been at this school from K3 to K4 and now K5.

It's been a real privilege to witness their progress. When they first arrived at the school, communication was almost impossible. They couldn't speak a word of English. Now it's amazing to hear them chatting away to one another and reading by themselves.

Now they have reached K5 the workload will become more intense. Now they have a great English foundation to build on. The focus will be on really pushing them to read and write, to understand spelling rules, articulate speech, and use grammar correctly.

So let's take a look at what is to come in the coming months.

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.

August

Week 1 - Green, Green Garden - Little Critter and his family plant some vegetables. After lots of watering, weeding, and waiting, they enjoy a delicious meal—all from their green, green garden.

Week 2 - Just Critters Who Care - When Little Critter finds out one of his neighbours is in need, he and his friends rally together and volunteer their help. They soon learn community service is rewarding . . . and fun! Who can the Critters help next?

Week 3 - Just Saving My Money - When Little Critter wants a new skateboard, Dad tells him that he needs to save his own money to buy it! From feeding the dog to selling lemonade, Little Critter learns the value of a dollar.

Week 4 - Just Helping My Dad - Little Critter is going to help his dad all day long! Things might not always go as planned, but that doesn't stop Little Critter from trying his hardest!

September

Week 1 - Snowball Soup - What does a snowman like to eat? Snowball soup, of course! Join Little Critter, Little Sister, and Dog as they make their new friend a tasty treat.

Week 2 - This is My Town - Little Critter shares what he knows about his neighbours and the places to go in Critterville. Who delivers the mail? Where does Little Critter go to see a movie? Who keeps everyone safe? Come explore the town with Little Critter and discover where everyone works and plays!

Week 3 - Review

Week 4 - Going to the Firehouse - Whoosh! goes the water hose. Ooo! Eee! Ooo! goes the siren. Ding! Ding! goes the fire alarm. Little Critter and his classmates are taking a trip to the firehouse! Little Critter puts on his boots and jacket—now he's ready to help Fireman Joe. After checking the hose and ladder, Little Critter is ready for a fireman's helmet of his own. Join Little Critter as he learns to stop, drop, and roll with Fireman Joe!

Week 5 - Going to the Sea Park - Little Critter and his classmates go on a trip to the Sea Park! Join them on their saltwater adventure as they learn about sea creatures big and small.

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.

August

Weeks 1 & 2 - Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop - 'Let's Help'. Phonics: th, sh, -ng. 'Thump Thump Helps Out'. Comprehension Skill: Character, Setting, Events. Writing and Grammar: Organisation / Proper Nouns.

Weeks 3 & 4 - Unit 2 Week 4 Anthology - 'Nell's Books' - A story about Nell and how she inspires others to read.

September

Week 1 - Review and assessment.

Week 2 - Unit 2 Week 5 Workshop - 'Follow the Map'. Phonics: ch, -tch, wh, ph. 'Which Way on the Map?' Comprehension Skill: Main Topic and Key Details. Writing and Grammar: Ideas / Irregular / Plural nouns.

Week 3 - Review

Week 4 - Unit 2 Week 5 Workshop - 'Follow the Map'. Phonics: ch, -tch, wh, ph. 'Which Way on the Map?' Comprehension Skill: Main Topic and Key Details. Writing and Grammar: Ideas / Irregular / Plural nouns.

Week 5 - Unit 2 Week 5 Anthology - 'Follow the Maps' - learning about different kinds of maps.

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

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

August

Week 1 – P1-P2

Week 2 – P3-P4

Week 3 – P5-P6

Week 4 – P7-P8

September

Week 1 – P9-P10

Week 2 – P11-P12

Week 3 – P13-P14

Week 4 – P15-P16

Week 5 – P17-P18

Science

This is a new subject that is exclusive to K5 classes only. Just one short class per week. It's a chance for the kids to learn something new and interesting. We usually conduct some sort of experiment or study something from nature.

The students also read from their new science books.

August

Week 1 - A3 (All About Living Things) + Vocabulary (senses, living things, non-living things), Pages 4, 6~9 (Senses).

Week 2 - Pages 10, 12, 13, 16~19 (Living and Non-living Things).

Week 3 - Pages 20, 22~29 (A Look at Plants).

Week 4 - Pages 26, 28~29 (Plants Have Parts).

September

Week 1 - A30, 32~33, 34, 36~37 (Roots, Stems, Leaves).

Week 2 - Pages 44, 46~49 (Plants Grow And Change).

Week 3 - Pages 52, 53 (Review).

Week 4 - B3 (A Look At Animals) + Vocabulary (Shelter, Mammals, Lungs, Gills, Amphibians, Reptiles, Insects, Hatch, Tadpoles), Pages 4, 6-9.

Week 5 - B3 (A Look At Animals) + Vocabulary (Shelter, Mammals, Lungs, Gills, Amphibians, Reptiles, Insects, Hatch, Tadpoles), Pages 4, 6-9.

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.

August

Weeks 1 & 2 - I Have a Car.

Weeks 3 & 4 - The Ants Go Marching.

September

Weeks 1-3 - YMCA.

Weeks 4 - 5 - You Are My Sunshine.

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.

August - Aero-Science Month.

September - Chinese Culture Month.

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.

I can't wait to get started with the new semester. The students will really enjoy another year of learning in English. We will have the parent / teachers conference towards the end of August. I look forward to seeing you then where we can discuss the curriculum in more detail and also the progress of your child.

See you soon.
Teacher Rich.



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青蛙班八、九月份資訊

嗨！歡迎來到新的學期。

青蛙班已經來到他們的最後一學年 K5，很難相信我們的學生在這個學校已經從 K3 到 K4 直到現在的 K5。

我很榮幸能夠見證他們的成長，他們剛來到學校的時候，要和他們用英文對話幾乎是不可能的，他們一個單字都不會。而現在，聽見他們和他人聊天及自己閱讀是讓人覺得很了不起的。

現在，他們到達 K5 後的課業是更加繁重的，他們已經有了很好的英文基礎，我們會將重點放在讓他們有更多的閱讀及寫作，去了解拼寫的規則、口齒伶俐的發言與使用正確的文法。讓我們來看看在接下來的月份裡，我們要做些什麼。

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，我會積極鼓勵他們發問，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。

八月

第一週 -Green, Green Garden –小怪物和他的家人一起種了一些蔬果，在多次的澆水、除草還有等待後，他們享用了從他們的綠色花園中來的美味餐點。

第二週 -Just Critters Who Care –當小怪物發現他的鄰居需要幫忙的時候，他和他的朋友們自願且團結的幫助他們，他們很快地學到服務大眾是有益的...而且很有趣！能讓小怪物下一個幫助的人會是誰呢？

第三週 -- Just Saving My Money –當小怪物想要一個新的滑板時，爸爸告訴他需要用自己存下的錢去買！從餵狗到賣檸檬水，小怪物學會了一塊錢的價值。

第四週 -Just Helping My Dad –小怪物要去幫助爸爸一整天，但事情總是和計劃的不一樣，不過這都不會阻止小怪物想嘗試做到最好。

九月

第一週 - Snowball Soup– 雪人會喜歡吃什麼呢？當然是雪球湯！加入小怪物、小姐姐還有狗狗，一起為新朋友做好吃的東西。

第二週- This is My Town – 小怪物分享了有關於他的鄰居還有 Critterville 上的地方；是誰送信？小怪物在哪裡看電影？是誰保護大家的安全？一起來探索小怪物的城鎮，發現大家在哪裡工作及玩樂！

第三週 – 複習

第四週 - Going to the Firehouse –呼！來自水軟管的聲音。喔伊！來自警笛的聲音。叮！叮！來自火警警報器。小怪物和他的同學啟程去消防局裡！小怪物穿上他的靴子和夾克—他已經準備好要幫忙消防員 Joe。在檢查水軟管和階梯後，小怪物準備好他自己的消防安全帽。和小怪物一起向消防員 Joe 學習如何“停止、下降、滾”。

第五週 - Going to the Sea Park – 小怪物和他的同學要去海洋公園旅行！加入他們的海水冒險，和他們一起學習有關海洋的大小生物。

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。

八月

第一、二週 – Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop - ‘Let’s Help’。拼音：th, sh, -ng. ‘Thump Thump Helps Out’ 理解技巧：人物、背景、事件。寫作及文法：組織/專有名詞

第三、四週 - Unit 2 Week 3 Anthology -‘Nell’s Books’ – 一個關於 Nell 如何激勵他人閱讀的故事。

九月

第一週 – 複習+評量。

第二週 – Unit 2 Week 5 Workshop - ‘Follow the Map’。拼音：ch, -tch, wh, ph. ‘Which Way on the Map?’ 理解技巧：主要議題和關鍵細節。寫作及文法：概念/不規則/複數名詞。

第三週 – 複習

第四週 - Unit 2 Week 5 Workshop - ‘Follow the Map’。拼音：ch, -tch, wh, ph. ‘Which Way on the Map?’ 理解技巧：主要議題和關鍵細節。寫作及文法：概念/不規則/複數名詞。

第五週 - Unit 2 Week 5 Anthology - ‘Follow the Maps’ – 學習不同種類的地圖。

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。

八月

第一週 –P1-P2

第二週 – P3-P4

第三週– P5-P6

第四週 – P7-P8

九月

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第四週 – P15-P16

第五週 – P17-P18

自然科學

這是只有 K5 課程才有的新科目，一星期只有一堂課，這是一個能讓孩子學習到有趣新事物的機會，我們會進行一些實驗，或者學習關於大自然的一切。

學生也能閱讀他們新的自然課本。

八月

第一週 - A3 (所有關於生命的事物) + 單字 (感官，有生命，無生命物)，Pages 4, 6~9 (感官)。

第二週 - Pages 10, 12, 13, 16~19 (有生命、無生命物)。

第三週 - Pages 20, 22~29 (植物)。

第四週 - Pages 26, 28~29 (植物的構造)。

九月

第一週 - A30, 32~33, 34, 36~37 (根、莖、葉)。

第二週 - Pages 44, 46~49 (植物的生長及改變)。

第三週 - Pages 52, 53 (複習)

第四週 - B3 (動物) + 單字 (棲息地，哺乳動物，肺，鰓，兩棲動物，爬行動物，昆蟲，孵化，蝌蚪)，Pages 4, 6-9。

第五週 - B3 (動物) + 單字 (棲息地，哺乳動物，肺，鰓，兩棲動物，爬行動物，昆蟲，孵化，蝌蚪)，Pages 4, 6-9。

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。

八月

第一、二週 - I Have a Car.

第三、四週 - The Ants Go Marching.

九月

第一 ~ 三週 - YMCA.

第四、五週 - You Are My Sunshine.

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。

八月 - 航空 - 自然科學月

九月 - 中國節慶月

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。

我等不及新學期的到來！學生們將會很享受學習英文的這一年。親師座談會將在八月底舉行，我很期待和你們相見，一起討論課程中的更多細節以及您孩子的進步。我們很快就會再見。

Teacher Rich.