

Dragon Class Newsletter August & September, 2016

Dear Parents,

So, a new semester is upon us as our Dragons move into K4. I hope everyone had a nice Summer Vacation and the boys and girls come back refreshed and ready for a new challenge.

This semester will see us step up a level with our reading and writing activities becoming more advanced. The Dragons are starting to grow up now so need to make sure their behaviour reflects the fact that they are a 'big class' now and no longer a 'baby class'. This involves sitting still and paying attention during class and doing the simple things like lining up and eating their food in the required time. We will be a lot busier this year so we won't have time to waste.

We have some new class this semester such as writing, phonics and workbook activities.

We will continue to develop our Dragons into boys and girls with good manners who help and look after their classmates.

Please see below for a detailed schedule of August and September.

All the Best,

Teacher Eamonn

Reading

Our reading books will step up a level with longer sentences and more difficult words so the Dragons really have to focus on their reading skills as they have a tendency to look at me or look around them. A few just repeat the words rather than actually pointing at the words and reading.

August

Week 1- One Snowy Day

Week 2- Dragon Egg

Week 3- Mud!

Week 4- What is that? Said the Cat

September

Week 1- Lunch Box Surprise

Week 2- Biscuit Finds a Friend

Week 3- Review

Week 4- Biscuit Goes Camping

Week 5- A Bug, A Bear, and a Boy

Core Material

In core material we will revise the words learnt from our reading; these words I will also encourage to be used in other contexts. Also, we will delve further into the book at times, as we have already done, learning about storms, weather and seasons, using the fun and colourful stories. We will continue to study phonics but this will be taken to a higher level with more complex blends so we can develop their reading skills. This month we will focus on 'short a'.

August

Week 1- Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop

Week 2- Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop

Week 3- Unit 1 Week 1 Anthology

Week 4- Unit 1 Week 1 Anthology

September

Week 1- Review + Assessment + Spelling

Week 2- Unit 1 Week 2 Workshop

Week 3- Unit 1 Week 2 Workshop

Week 4- Unit 1 Week 2 Anthology

Week 5- Unit 1 Week 2 Anthology

Maths

We will continue to develop their understanding of shapes, numbers and conceptions. This is all a positive and gradual honing of mathematical skills.

August

Week 1- C1:P1-5

Week 2- C1:P6-10

Week 3- C1:P11-14

Week 4- C1:P15-18

September

Week 1- C2:P1-5

Week 2- Review

Week 3- C2:P6-10

Week 4- C2:P11-15

Week 5- C2:P15-18

Physical Education

This is an important area for all people. In our busy lives we all often forget to exercise and I am a strong believer in "Healthy Body/Healthy Mind" so is vital for our younger generation to get lots of exercise and fresh air. Not only does it benefit our bodies but also our social skills such as teamwork, competition and fair play. Gross motor skills and can aid with our fine motor skills too so I try to include activities such as relay races, follow the leader and co-ordination tasks which are fun and engaging.

Thematic Activities

This month's activity is about space. The activities will be fun and educational. These activities focus on creativity, individuality and gross/fine motor skills such as cutting, gluing and colouring. I think it is very important that the students learn about their own heritage alongside the myriads of information they receive elsewhere in lessons.

The activity for September is about Moon Festival. The activities will be fun and educational. These activities focus on creativity, individuality and gross/fine motor skills such as cutting, gluing and colouring. I think it is very important that the students learn about their own heritage alongside the myriads of information they receive elsewhere in lessons.

Song and Dance

We will have some new songs to learn this month which are fun and educational. As usually there will be new words and actions to learn to get the children moving and shake off the morning sleepiness!!

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Week 1- Say Hello

Week 2- Say Hello

Week 3- Say Hello

Week 4- Down by the river

September

Week 1- Down by the river

Week 2- Hickory, Dickory Duck

Week 3- Hickory, Dickory Duck

Week 4- Hokey, Pokey

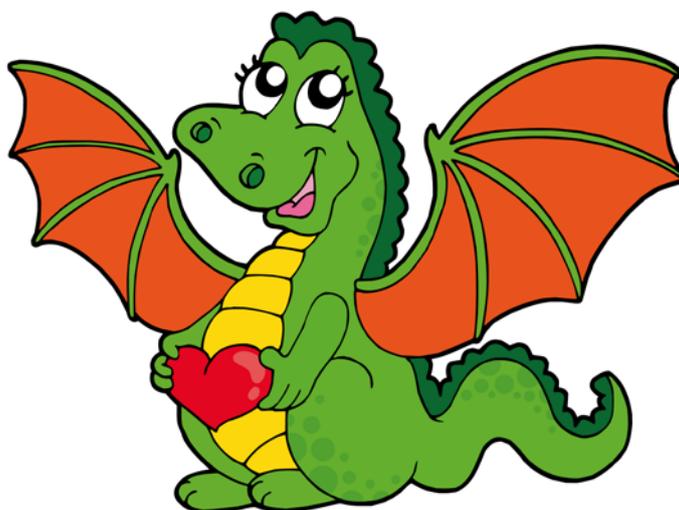
Week 5- Hokey, Pokey

Library and Story-time

I will make the content of our reading sessions more eclectic, mixing factual, or historical books, with more entertaining fiction. These sessions are rather like question and answer lessons, because I will always get students to interact with me.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to let either myself or the wonderfully helpful Teacher Jady know. We will be happy to answer your questions.

All the Best,
Teacher Eamonn



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親愛的家長：

新的學期就將是小龍兒們升中班的時候了！希望大家都過了美好的暑假且已充足電準備好迎接新的挑戰。

這學期您將會看見又跨上一個比之前更多的閱讀和寫字的階段。小龍兒們開始在成長了，所以現正需確認他們的思考性行為，因為不再是小小班了。這關連到要坐端正和專注在課堂上及做些簡單的事如排隊，及在時間內用完餐。今年我們將會很忙，故已沒有時間再浪費了。

這學期我們有些新的課程，如書寫，發音和習作簿練習。我們將持續的培養小龍兒男女生們的禮貌和學習照顧同學。請參閱下列八月和九月的課程規劃細節。

祝福您們

老師 Eamonn

閱讀

我們的閱讀書進階到較長的句子及較難的字彙，因此小龍兒們真的需要專注在閱讀的練習技巧。當有些孩子只是在復誦這些字而非確實指著字念讀，他們傾向直視我，我會看著他們。

八月

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主教材

在主教材上的學習，我們將調整從閱讀所學到一些的字；這些字我也促使其應用在課文脈絡上。當我們教完後，我們也將用有趣及精彩的故事隨時探索這書的內容，學習暴風雨及氣候和季節。我們將繼續學習自然發音。

八月

第一週 - 第一單元 Week 1 Workshop

第二週 - 第一單元 Week 1 Workshop

第三週 - 第一單元 Week 1 Anthology

第四週 - 第一單元 Week 1 Anthology

九月

第一週 - 複習+評量+ 拼字

第二週 - 第二單元 Week 2 Workshop

第三週 - 第二單元 Week 2 Workshop

第四週 - 第二單元 Week 2 Anthology

第五週 - 第二單元 Week 2 Anthology

數學

這個月將持續啟發孩子們對數字和形狀的關係認知。這些確實都是數學學習上應慢慢琢磨的技巧。

八月

第一週 - 第一冊 第六至 第十頁

第三週 - 第一冊 第十一至 第十四頁

第四週 - 第一冊 第十五至 第十八頁

九月

第一週 : 第二冊 第一至 第五頁

第三週 : 第二冊 第六至 第十頁

第四週: 第二冊 第十一至 第十五頁

第五週: 第二冊 第十五至 第十八頁

體能教育

這是對每個人都很重要的課。在我們忙碌的生活中常忘記運動，但我篤信有健康的身體才有健康的心靈。所以讓我們的新一代運動呼吸新鮮空氣很重要。不僅只是對我們的身體有益，對我們的社交如團隊合作，比賽和公平遊戲都有益。大肌肉可帶動全身肌肉，故我整合成接力賽活動。服從領導和協調工作 都是有趣又吸引人的。

主題活動

這個月的主題是關於太空，這些活動將是有趣又富教育性的。這些著重在創意和個別化和粗/細動作應用，如：剪、貼和上色。我想對孩子們而言在課堂外透過大量的訊息學習文化相關事務是很重要的。九月份活動是關於中秋。這個活動是充滿趣味性和教育性的。這些著重在創意和個別化和粗/細動作應用，如：剪、貼和上色。我想對孩子們而言在課堂外透過大量的訊息學習文化相關事務是很重要的。

歌曲律動

本月我們將有新的歌曲要學且都是充滿趣味和教育性的，通常都會有新歌詞和肢體動作讓孩子們舞動身軀擺脫瞌睡蟲。

八月

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九月

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圖書室故事時間

我將會講更多混合實際，或虛構或娛樂性的和實際歷史故事的書。這些過程我將讓孩子發問或回答我在課堂上問的問題。因為我希望孩子和我能互動。

若有任何疑問，請不吝讓我或大有助益的 Jady 老師知道，我們會非常樂意為您解答迷津。

祝福您們，

老師 Eamonn