

Dragon Class Newsletter October, 2016

Dear Parents,

So, we are into our 3rd month of the new semester as we continue our development. The boys and girl are slowly getting used to the challenge of K4 with the higher level of material.

The writing exercises are starting to become more difficult with the focus not just on the ABC but looking at putting these letters into words and thinking for themselves. I have noticed an overall improvement with their writing skills. Most of them understand that they have to use the lines to produce neat and accurate letters. We use the lines to aid them when they start to write freely as it produces muscle memory.

We now have a monthly review which is there to test the students to see how they are developing. It is not a pressurised test situation but more for us to see what level they are at and what we need to work on. This includes filling in missing letters, word searches and finally writing the 8 key words by themselves.

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 October.

All the Best,
Teacher Eamonn

Reading

Our reading books for October 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. I am concentrating on a few students who still just memorise the words rather than reading. I move these students to the front of the class so that I can watch and encourage them to point the words and follow the story.

Week 1- My tooth is about to fall out.

Week 2- Here comes the snow.

Week 3- Buzz, said the bee.

Week 4- Biscuit takes the walk.

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 'l- blends'.

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

Maths

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

Week 1- C3:P1-5 – Matching

Week 2- C3:P6-10 - Matching

Week 3- C3:P11-14 - Classifying

Week 4- C3:P15-18 - Classifying

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.

I am starting to introduce team games and activities which focus doing your best to help your team win. The focus is not about winning but understanding being part of a team and how it is important to try your best to help others. I am trying to show that it is important to think about other people and not just yourself.

Thematic Activities

The activity for this month is about Halloween. 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.

Week 1- Halloween – Black cat

Week 2- Halloween - Skeleton

Week 3- Halloween - Skull

Week 4- Halloween - Spider

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!!

Week 1- Itsy Bitsy Spider

Week 2- Itsy Bitsy Spider Hickory, Dickory Dock

Week 3- My Umbrella

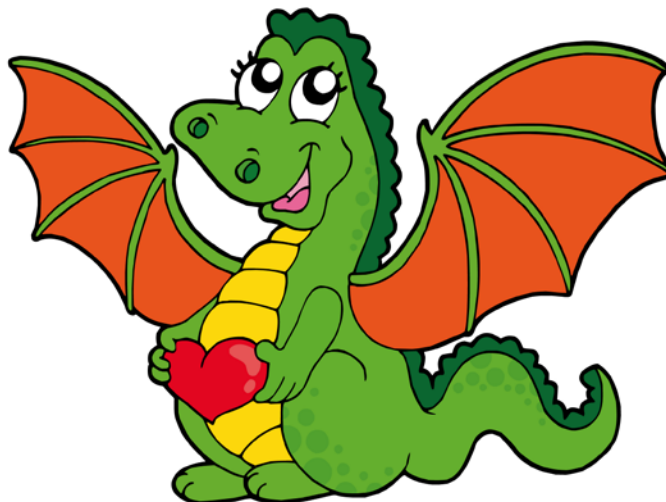
Week 4- My Umbrella

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:

我們已進入新學期的第三個月了，我們不斷的在成長。小男女生們正慢慢的習慣升中班較難的教材學習挑戰。

書寫的練習也比往昔難多了，不再專注在 ABC，但將這些字元放進字彙裡觀察他們的思考。我有注意到整體的書寫技巧，他們大部分都已了解使用線條及準確並整齊的書寫字元。當他們輕鬆地開始書寫同時，我們使用線條來協助小肌肉應用的記憶。

我們現在有每月的複習可測驗他們的學習發展成效。那並不是一種測試過概念，但能讓我們有更多的了解他們的程度和該加強之處。這包含填漏字，單字的尋找，以及最後他們自己寫的 8 個主要單字。

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。

請參閱下列十月的課程規劃細節。

祝福您們

老師 Eamonn

閱讀

我們十月的閱讀書，將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。我也注意到有些孩子們只是記住這些字，而非確實指著字念讀，我會讓他們坐在我的前面，如此我可以在閱讀課時看著他們，並鼓勵他們練習手跟著故事內容指字。

第一週 - My tooth is about to fall out

第二週 - Here comes the snow.

第三週 - Buzz, said the bee.

第四週 - Biscuit takes the walk.

主教材

在主教材上的學習，我們將會複習從閱讀所學到的一些單字；這些字我也促使其應用在其它地方。然後，我們會更深入學習文章內容。我們會使用有趣及精彩的故事學習暴風雨及氣

候和季節。我們將繼續學習更高程度具複雜性混合的自然發音，可啟發他們的閱讀技巧。這個月我們將專注在‘l- blends’(l 的混合字音)。

第一週 - 複習+評量+拼字

第二週 - 第一單元 Week2 Workshop

第三週 - 第一單元 Week2 Workshop

第四週 - 第一單元 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。

第一週: 第三冊 第一至 第五頁 - 配對

第二週: 第三冊 第六至 第十頁 - 配對

第三週: 第三冊 第十一至 第十四頁 - 分類

第四週: 第三冊 第十五至 第十八頁 - 分類

體能課

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。我開始介紹孩子們團體的活動，專注在教孩子盡全力取團隊的獲勝，學習重點是了解自己是團隊的一份子，學習如何盡全力幫助彼此，成就團隊。我試著讓孩子們了解考量他人的重要，而非自己本身。

主題活動

本月的主題是關於萬聖節，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。

第一週: 萬聖節 - Black cat

第二週: 萬聖節 - Skeleton

第三週: 萬聖節 - Skull

第四週: 萬聖節 - Spider

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。

第一週: Itsy Bitsy Spider

第二週: Itsy Bitsy Spider Hickory, Dickory Dock

第三週: My Umbrella

第四週: My Umbrella

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