



## FROG CLASS

### March 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to the Frog Class monthly newsletter for March. February was a busy month. I hope you had a good Chinese New Year. March will also be a fun but busy month. We have the school sports day and the school field trip to look forward to.

#### 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 - Bones -

Week 2 - Peanut -

Week 3 - Sir Small and the Dragonfly - The tallest person is no taller than a toothpick in the town of Pee Wee, and when Lady Teena is abducted by a dragonfly, a tiny knight, riding his trusty ant, rescues the miniature maiden.

Week 4 - Smarty Sara - Sara has a surprise for her friends. With her journal at her side, Sara plots and plans, draws maps, and writes a poem as she makes her way from home to the secret destination.

Week 5 - P.J. Funnybunny's Boat of Tricks - P. J. Funnybunny's dad brings home a special present: a magic kit! P.J. studies all the tricks and does them just right. So why are his family and friends bored with his tricks? P.J. decides to show them the best trick of all . . . by disappearing!

#### 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 and 2 - Unit 3 Week 2 Anthology - *'The Big Yuca Plant'* This story is written in script form. First we are introduced to the characters. This is a fun story that teaches the students to value each member of the team, no matter how small they are.

Weeks 1 and 2 - Unit 3 week 3 Workshop - Soft *c* and soft *g* e.g. *face, place, page, cage*. Plus a story called *The Nice Mitten* about a boy who loses his glove but it provides a nice warm place for animals to sleep.

Weeks 3 and 4 - Unit 3 week 3 Anthology - One of the kids favorite stories *The Gingerbread Man*. The classic story of the little cookie man who gets tricked by a sly fox.

Week 5 - Review + Assessment + Spelling.

### MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

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

Week 1 - Book 1 P11-14 - Practice counting by 1's and 10's and practice writing numerals. Composition and decomposition of numbers and values of coins.

Week 2 - Book 1 P15-18 - Composition and decomposition of numbers and values of coins. Practice writing numerals and drawing straight lines.

Week 3 - Book 2 P1-5 - Region-to-region correspondence. Shapes/colors correspondence. Practice drawing straight lines. Dot-matrix correspondence. Practice drawing zig-zag lines.

Week 4 - Book 2 P6-10 - Topological and color correspondence. The 12 numerals on the clock face. The position of numbers on the clock. Functional correspondence. Practice writing numerals.

Week 5 - Book 2 P11-14 - The positions of clock hand on whole numbers. Practice writing time. Spatial correspondence. Coordinates on a 3x3 grid. Moving on 3x3 grids. Practice writing numerals.

### Science

This is a new subject that is exclusive to K5 classes only. Just one short class per week. Its 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.

Week 1 - Lesson 4 - What is air and why it's important.

Week 2 - Lesson 5 - Living things are resources. Why plants are important.

Week 3 - Lesson 6 - Why animals are important.

Week 4 - Lesson 7 - How we used to get water and a poem about Earth.

Week 5 -D52-53 - Chapter review.

### 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 & energized for the days lessons.

Weeks 1-4 - Somewhere out there.

Week 5 - Forever Young.

### 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 – France

Week 2 - France

Week 3 – England

Week 4 - England

### Library

Once a week the class will visit the library to read a storybook. This 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.

This concludes the Frog Class newsletter for March. The kids will enjoy reading all the new reading books and all the activities and lessons we have planned. I'm sure they are all excited to go on the school field trip

to Green World again. Hopefully the weather will warm up too in time for the school sports day activities. I hope to see you there.

See you soon.  
Teacher Rich.



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你好，歡迎來到三月的資訊，二月是一個忙碌的月份。我希望你有一個愉快的農曆新年。三月將會是有趣但繁忙的一個月。我們有運動會和校外參觀。

### 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。

Week 1 - Bones -骨頭

Week 2 - Peanut -花生

Week 3 - Sir Small and the Dragonfly - 小爵士和蜻蜓 - Pee Wee 鎮最高的人不比牙籤高，當 Lady Teena 被蜻蜓綁架時，一個小騎士騎著他的信任的螞蟻，救出了這個小少女。

Week 4 - Smarty Sara – Sara 給她的朋友一個驚喜。Sara 用她的日記繪製地圖和計劃，並寫一首詩，用秘密的路線從家到目的地。

Week 5- P.J. Funnybunny's Boat of Tricks - P.J. Funnybunny 的爸爸帶回家一個特殊的禮物：一個魔術工具包！P.J.研究所有的把戲且做的正確。那麼為什麼他的家人和朋友對他的詭計無聊呢？P.J.決定向他們展示所有的最好的技巧。。。消失！

### 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。

第一周和第二周 Unit 3 Anthology - “大宇宙工廠”這個故事是以腳本形式寫的。首先我們介紹一下角色。這是一個有趣的故事，教會學生重視團隊的每一個成員，無論他們是多麼小。

第 1 周和第 2 週 - 單元 3 - Soft c and soft g e.g. face, place, page, cage. 另外一個故事叫尼斯手套關於一個男孩誰失去了他的手套，但它提供了一個很好的溫暖的地方，動物睡覺。

第 3 周和第 4 週 - 單元 3 週 3 Anthology - 孩子最喜歡的故事之一薑餅人。經典的故事的小曲奇餅男人被騙了買一個狡猾的狐狸。

第 5 週 - 評論 + 評估 + 拼寫。

### 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。

Weeks 1 & 2 - F1 P1-5 - 學習計數各個領域的對象。區域對應，排序和計數，以及超過 10 個對象的計數

第 1 週 - 第 1 冊 P11-14 - 按 1 和 10 進行練習，練習寫作數字。硬幣的數字和價值的組成和分解。

第 2 週 - 第 1 冊 P15-18 - 硬幣的數字和價值的組成和分解。練習寫數字和畫直線。

第 3 週 - 第 2 冊 P1-5 - 區域到區域的對應。形狀/顏色響應。練習繪製直線。點矩陣對應。練習繪製曲折線。

第 4 週 - 第 2 冊 P6-10 - 幾何和顏色的對應。時鐘上的 12 個數字表示時鐘上的數字的位置。對應的功能。練習寫數字。

第 5 週 - 第 2 冊 P11-14 - 時鐘的位置在整數。練習寫作時間。空間對應。在 3x3 網格上坐標。在 3x3 網格上移動。練習寫數字。

### Science

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。

第 1 週 - 第 4 課 - 什麼是空氣，為什麼它是重要的。

第 2 週 - 第 5 課 - 生活是資源。為什麼植物是重要的。

第 3 週 - 第 6 課 - 為什麼動物是重要的。

第 4 週 - 第 7 課 - 我們如何使用水和地球的詩。

第 5 週 - D52-53 - 章節複習。

### 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。

Weeks 1-4 - Somewhere out there.

Week 5 - Forever Young.

### 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。

Week 1: 法國

Week 2: 法國

Week 3: 英國

Week 4: 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。

以上是青蛙班三月份的資訊，孩子們將喜歡閱讀所有新的書籍和我們計劃的所有活動和課程。我相信他們對於去綠世界校外教學感到興奮。希望體育會的時候天氣會暖和起來。

我們很快會再見

Teacher Rich.