

Monkey Class Newsletter March 2017

Dear parents,

February has been a great month. The whole class has really made a great effort with their phonics and almost all of the students are approaching the same level of reading now so this is great! We are hearing a lot less Chinese outside of class time and it's wonderful to hear the children conversing in English. The students still have a way to go before they are producing fully grammatical sentences with past tense/ present tense etc but their vocabulary is expanding a lot every week with the reading and core material books and therefore the quality of our daily conversations are improving a lot too!

We are looking forward to the field trip this month which will be to Green World. The children will be discovering a lot of wildlife such as snakes, birds and insects! They will also be a lot of plant life for them to explore so this should be a lot of fun for everyone. I'm sure March will be another positive month for Monkey Class and everyone will continue to progress and move forward with their English. Bye for now!

Best wishes,
Teacher Sam

Reading

Reading class is something we take a lot of pride in here at Marshall and we always aim by the end of the first year and certainly at the end of the second year to have a class of independent readers with a full grasp of phonics and the pronunciation of words. This class is also great for building up their vocabulary which in turn benefits their conversation skills. I find this class feeds the student's imagination, inspires children to read stories in their own time and usually by the 3rd year they are wanting to write their own stories! As reading is a personal favourite pass time for me I take a lot of care bringing out the best possible results for the children in this subject and I hope you will all see a steady improvement in your child's ability.

March 1st – March 3rd: Chicks!

March 6th – March 10th: Tae Kwon Do

March 13th – March 17th: I Lost My Tooth

March 20th – March 24th: I Am Lost

March 27th – March 31st: I Love Snow

Core Material

This class is an all encompassing lesson for the children's reading, grammar and phonics skills. In these classes children are asked to analyse stories, practice vowel sounds and use a selection of keywords for sentence making and grammar. This month we will begin Smart Start Unit 6.

March 1st – March 3rd: Unit 6: Week 1: The Four Seasons

March 6th – March 10th: Unit 6: Week 2: What's the Weather?

March 13th – March 17th: Unit 6: Week 3: Stormy Weather

March 20th – March 24th: Unit 6: Review

March 27th – March 31st: Unit 7: Week 1: Baby Animals

Math

We are using the MPM books and boxes for our maths class. They really have a unique and interesting way of delivering common mathematical concepts to the children often by using animals, colours and objects that children associate with fun and games! This month we will focus on...

March 1st – March 3rd: B1: P15 – 18: Recognising 6, 7 and 8.

March 6th – March 10th: B2: P01 – 05: Differentiating shapes and colours.

March 13th – March 17th: B2: P06 – 10: Recognising 9, 10 and reviewing numbers 1 – 10.

March 20th – March 24th: B2: P11 – 14: Top, bottom, inside outside.

March 27th – March 31st: B2: P15 – 18: Top, bottom, inside outside.

Physical Education

P.E. Class is shared with Lion class and Teacher John who is a great member of staff! Every week we work together to create fun activities for the children either using the gym equipment or the playground equipment. Teacher John and I also encourage the children to exercise regularly and we often stress the significance and importance that it can have on their physical and mental health.

March 1st – March 3rd: Grand Prix

March 6th – March 10th: Gladiators

March 13th – March 17th: Parachute mayhem

March 20th – March 24th: Soccer skills

March 27th – March 31st: Monkey bar chase

Thematic Activity

Each month a different foreign teacher is assigned to plan and arrange activities of a given theme. This can be anything from small art projects, short field trips near the school or even a party in the classroom! The themes are often related to different festivals around the world so it really helps them to understand different cultures while having fun at the same time.

March 6th – March 10th: France

March 13th – March 17th: France

March 20th – March 24th: England

March 27th – March 31st: England

Song and Dance

This is a great opportunity for myself and the students to bond and enjoy some songs together. In addition to the scheduled songs I will be teaching the children further songs from the Disney catalogue, musicals or simply just any songs I find that are good for children! It gives me great pleasure to find songs we can all enjoy!

March 1st – March 3rd: The Ants Go Marching

March 6th – March 10th: Jack and Jill

March 13th – March 17th: Jack and Jill

March 20th – March 24th: This Little Light of Mine

March 27th – March 31st: This Little Light of Mine

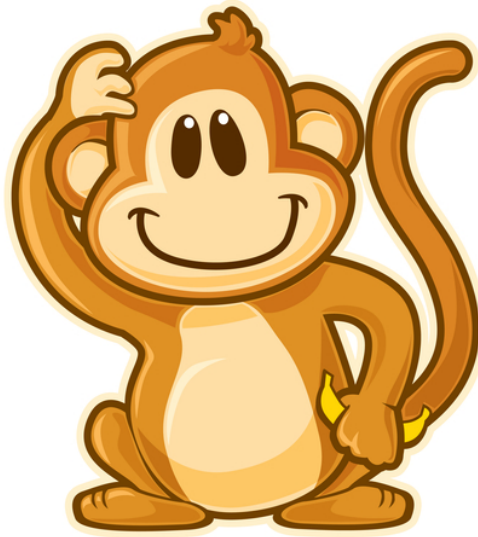
Library/Storybook

Each week the children and myself visit the library for story time and to exchange books. It's lovely to see all of them listening to the stories and taking an interest! They really get involved with the stories and I believe it's good for their listening and their imagination!

I hope this has been an insightful newsletter for you all,

Thank you for reading!

Best wishes,
Tr. Sam



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親愛的家長，

二月是一個很棒的月份。整個班上的孩子已經努力學會了他們的發音也幾乎達到一個可以自行閱讀的程度。我們不只是在課程進行期間很少聽到中文，在課程以外的時間孩子們也很少講中文了，而聽到他們以簡單字句用英文對話，看見如此成果真是極為美好，孩子們仍然有方法去說出足夠的文法字句，在他們所要表達過去式或現在式等，也會藉由他們每週閱讀課和主教材去學習，因此我們每天的對話及學習都是孩子們學習成果最好的證明。

我們期待這個月的戶外教學，我們將要去綠世界唷，而孩子們將會有新發現新學習，認識很多野生的蛇、鳥類、昆蟲，在他們有計劃中的生活，也將探索很多的新奇事物，我確信三月份對猴子班將會是另一個積極學習的時刻，以及每個孩子也將會繼續努力及證明他們的英文能力。

祝順心，山姆老師

閱讀

閱讀課是我們在瑪歇爾深感驕傲的一門課，我們目標是有讓小孩成為獨立的讀者養成良好閱讀習慣與訓練發音。閱讀也能增加自己的字彙量，進而有助於小孩們的談話技巧。我覺得多閱讀也能激發小孩的無限想像力，也能讓孩子們學會利用自己的時間去閱讀書籍，由於我也是一個喜歡利用閱讀來消磨時間的人，所以我期許每一個小孩都能養成良好的閱讀習慣，進而也能訓練他們的專注力，以利於有效的學習。我也會讓家長看到孩子們紮實穩固的學習成效。

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主教材

這個課程是綜合了孩子們的閱讀，文法和發音技能。在這些課程中的孩子將被要求分析的故事，練習基本發音和利用文法及關鍵字去造句。這個月我們將開始智能開發單元 6。

3/1 – 3/3: 單元 6: 第 1 週: 四季

3/6 – 3/10: 單元 6: 第 2 週: 是什麼天氣

3/13 – 3/17: 單元 6: 第 3 週: 暴風雨天氣

3/20 – 3/24: 單元 6: 複習

3/27 – 3/31: 單元 7: Week 1: 動物的寶寶

數學

我們藉由 MPM 書籍和教材盒作為我們數學課程的主要教材。MPM 教材有著獨特且有趣的數學教學概念帶給孩子，教材課程利用動物，顏色，主題和遊戲連結起來，使學習數學更加有趣。

3/1 – 3/3: B1: P15 – 18: 認識 6, 7 和 8

3/6 – 3/10: B2: P01 – 05: 不同的形狀和顏色

3/13 – 3/17: B2: P06 – 10: 認識 9, 10 及複習數字 1 – 10

3/20 – 3/24: B2: P11 – 14: 上, 下, 裡面和外面

3/27 – 3/31: B2: P15 – 18: 上, 下, 裡面和外面

體能課

每個禮拜的體育課我與學校裡最棒的獅子班 John 老師一起討論研究如何去創造有趣的活動帶給小孩們，我們也會利用學校資源和遊樂設備設計出有趣的活動，讓小孩們玩，我們也鼓勵孩子們規律的運動，並強調運動的意義和重要性，讓他們知道運動對他們的身心健康有多重要。

3/1 – 3/3: 汽車大賽

3/6 – 3/10: 鬥劍者

3/13 – 3/17: 降落傘遊戲

3/20 – 3/24: 足球技巧

3/27 – 3/31: 猴子追逐賽

主題教學

每個月不同的外籍教師會輪流計劃和安排特定主題的活動。主題活動設計範圍可以從小型的藝術項目，甚至到學校附近的戶外教學，都可以成為主題的學習內容。所以主題活動確實有助於小孩們，在同一時間內了解世界各地不同文化並集結學習的樂趣。

3/6 – 3/10: 法國

3/13 – 3/17: 法國

3/20 – 3/24: 英國

3/27 – 3/31: 英國

唱歌跳舞

歌舞這堂課是給予我機會，去帶領小孩一同享受音樂的美好。除此之外，我定期會從迪士尼音樂中，找出適合小孩的音樂，我非常高興能利用美妙的旋律讓小孩們都可以與老師一起享受音樂的美好！

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圖書館/故事書

每個星期我會帶領孩子造訪學校裡的圖書室和進行故事書書籍交換。進而能看見孩子們可愛的對話以及仔細聆聽故事的可愛模樣！此時他們真正參與到故事的氛圍，我相信這對於孩子們來說是很好的，這為他們的聽力和他們的想像力都會帶來很大的影響力喔！

感謝您的閱讀！

祝順心，

山姆老師