



Giraffe Class Newsletter March 2017

Reading

This month we will be discussing different topics. From how huge bridges are built across wide rivers, to how to distinguish what kind of sound one is hearing. We will also be looking how different people have had an impact on our way of living. From making important discoveries, to helping everyone have an equal way of living, these are just a few examples of the topics that we will be reading about this month.

Feb. 27 th – March 3 rd	Unit 5 Week 2	Building Bridges
March 6 th – March 10 th	Unit 5 Week 3	Building Bridges
March 13 th – March 17 th	Unit 5 Week 3	What's that sound
March 20 th – March 24 th	Unit 5 Week 3	What's that sound
March 27 th – March 31 st	Unit 5 Week 3	March on

Phonics

Hello to all parents! The children have demonstrated an adequate ability to obtain and present information based on specific criteria. In March, we will be learning about the "or" sound in all its varieties and pronunciations and we will be preparing more presentations. This month we will be making presentations about space. We will be learning about some celestial bodies, phenomena and the international space station.

As always, best wishes,

Teacher John.

Week 1: Phonics: or, oar and ore.

Week 2: Phonics: or, oar and ore.

Week 3: Phonics: or, oar and ore.

Week 4: Phonics: or, oar and ore.

Week 5: Phonics: Review

Grammar

The grammar component for Giraffe is done twice a week for half an hour each class. A grammar workbook is the primary material used in class along with occasional online exercises. Grammar is taught by example sentences along with finding mistakes and fixing them. Practice and review will be done by writing and speaking. Practice tests will also be used for review when time allows. The goal for everyone is to be familiar with the grammar to know what looks or sounds correct automatically.

WEEK 1	Unit 5 Week 3 - Comparative Adjectives
WEEK 2	Unit 5 Week 3 - Comparative Adjectives
WEEK 3	Unit 5 Week 3 - Mechanics
WEEK 4	Unit 5 Week 3 - Proofreading & Review

Composition

Composition class is a great opportunity for the children to put to use what they have learnt in other classes such as grammar and reading. In this class we are using two different angles to improve their writing skills. On the first week of every month we are using excerpts from the Reading Wonders book to help build a foundation in grammatical writing and get the students used to analysing short stories. In the other three weeks of the month the children then put what they've learnt into practice with a lengthier piece of writing such as a short story, a letter to someone or a recollection of their own experiences. The children will eventually become accustomed to structuring their stories with a beginning, middle and an end, and their best stories are chosen for them to memorise and recite in the end of term speech contest.

March 1st – March 3rd: Write a Letter

March 6th – March 10th: Personal Narrative

March 13th – March 17th: Personal Narrative

March 20th – March 24th: Personal Narrative

March 27th – March 31st: Personal Narrative



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閱讀

這個月我們將討論不同的主題；從巨大的橋樑是如何建立到如何辨別你聽到的是什麼樣的聲音。我們也將發現有各種不同的人對我們日常生活帶來許多的影響。從揭開重大的發現到協助每個人都擁有身而平等的權利，這些都是我們這個月將學習的主題內容。

2/27-3/03 第五單元第二週 橋梁的建構

3/06-3/10 第五單元第二週 橋梁的建構

3/13-3/17 第五單元第三週 哪是什麼聲音啊?

3/20-3/24 第五單元第三週 哪是什麼聲音啊?

3/27-3/31 第五單元第三週 繼續前進!

自然發音

各位家長：大家好！

孩子們開始展現適當的能力，針對特定的主題呈現報告。三月份，我們將學習長母音/or/的各種組合、發音並且準備更多的簡報內容。這個月我們的報告主題是關於太空，我們將學習一些星體、現象以及國際太空站。

一如往常 最棒的祝福！

Teacher John

第一週 自然發音：or, oar and ore.

第二週 自然發音：or, oar and ore.

第三週 自然發音：or, oar and ore.

第四週 自然發音：複習

文法

每個星期有兩節文法課，每節課半個小時。文法課的主要教材除了練習本、回家作業以及考試本。孩子們透過範例以及訂正錯誤學習文法。此外，我們也將透過寫與說的方式學習。另一種方式是由一人說錯誤的文法，而其他同學找出錯誤。在時間允許下我們也將透過遊戲與比賽的方式複習文法概念。

第一週 第五單元第三週 形容詞比較級

第二週 第五單元第三週 形容詞比較級

第三週 第五單元第三週 大小寫、標點符號

第四週 第五單元第三週 找出錯誤與複習

英文寫作

這堂課對孩子們而言是很好的練習機會，將他們在閱讀課及文法課中學習的內容應用在寫作課中。在這堂課我們使用兩種不同的角度來學習寫作。在每個月的第一週，我們會利用在 Reading Wonders Book 中學習到的觀念建立文法的基礎，並且將它用來分析短篇的故事。在其他的三週，他們將運用學習到的技巧寫出一篇短篇故事、寫一封信或是寫出過去的經歷。孩子們最後將習慣構思一篇文章時要有起始、內文和結尾。他們最棒的一篇文章將被選出作為學期末演講比賽的內容。

03/01-03/03 寫一封信

03/06-03/10 個人敘述文體文 1

03/13-03/17 個人敘述文體文 2

03/20-03/24 個人敘述文體文 3

03/27-03/31 個人敘述文體文 4