

## Monkey Class Newsletter April 2017

Dear parents,

Good news all round for Monkey Class! We've improved a lot over the past month and I'm pleased to say that more than half the class are now beginning to read at a good level and are producing good conversations with each other and the teachers. The children that are not quite there yet are trying their best and their concentration is improving too!

This month we will be celebrating Easter and begin our rehearsals for the new drama play. The new play will offer a worldly adventure for the children with some good morals for them to learn from as well. I think most of the children have overcome their fears of being on stage since the last play so I'm praying for a confident performance for them all this time around!

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>: Review

April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>: Boats

April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>: Funny Bunnies

April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>: I Love Easter

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 2.

April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>: Review

April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>: Week 2: Pet Pals

April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>: Week 3: Animal Habitats

April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>: Review

### 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...

April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>: B3: P01 – 5: Counting Objects

April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>: B3: P06 – 10: Spatial Description

April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>: B3: P11 – 14: Set theory

April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>: Drama Play Practice

### 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.

April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>: Slalom tricycle race

April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>: Musical statues

April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>: Gladiators

April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>: Number hunt

### 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.

April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>: Easter

April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>: Mask

April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>: Pizza

April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>: Italian Flag

### 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!

April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>: This is the way we take a bath

April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>: This is the way we take a bath

April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>: London Bridge

April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>: Wheels on the bus

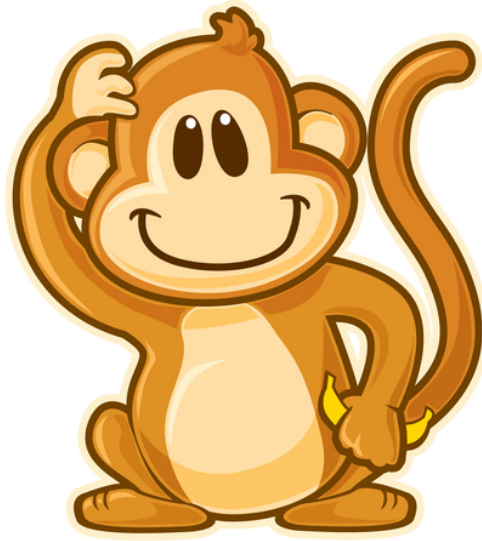
### Library/Storybook

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，

好消息圍繞在猴子班！在過去的一個月，我很開心有一半以上的孩子達到能自行閱讀英文書的水準以及孩子們能與同學和老師間有正確的基本對話呢！孩子們現在試著盡他們自己所能去對話，並且學習上的專注力也進步了！

這個月我們將慶祝復活節的到來以及開始排練我們的戲劇表演，這個新的戲劇表演內容將給予孩子們世界上不同的奇遇以及讓他們學習好的道德品行，從上次的戲劇表演後，這次我知道孩子們已經克服了台上表演的恐懼，並且建立他們對表演的自信心，希望這次孩子們都會有好的表演呈現給家長們。

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，並養成良好閱讀習慣與訓練自然發音。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。

4/5 – 4/7: 複習

4/10 – 4/14: Boats

4/17 – 4/21: Funny Bunnies

4/24 – 4/28: I Love Easter

### 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。這個月我們將開始學習單元二。

4/5 – 4/7: 複習

4/10 – 4/14: 第 2 週: 寵物朋友

4/17 – 4/21: 第 3 週: 動物的棲息地

4/24 – 4/28: 複習

### 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。

4/5 – 4/7: B3: P01 – 5: 計算物體

4/10 – 4/14: B3: P06 – 10: 空間概念

4/17 – 4/21: B3: P11 – 14: 集理論

4/24 – 4/28: 戲劇表演練習

### 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。

4/5 – 4/7: 三輪車障礙賽

4/10 – 4/14: Musical statues

4/17 – 4/21: 鬥劍者

4/24 – 4/28: 尋找數字

### 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。

4/5 – 4/7: Easter

4/10 – 4/14: Mask

4/17 – 4/21: Pizza

4/24 – 4/28: Italian Flag

### 歌唱律動

歌唱律動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！

我期許這是一封有見地的信！

感謝您的閱讀！

祝順心，

山姆老師