



Giraffe Class Newsletter August 2017

Reading

Hello, my name is Teacher Chalsey and I will be teaching Giraffe Class's Reading Class. Reading is one of the most important aspects of learning English and Reading Class offers a great opportunity to hone their reading skills and increase their vocabulary base. In this month we will be focusing on vocabulary and comprehension. We will read chapters of the book together in class during which time the students will practice their fluency and pronunciation. We will usually also follow each lesson with a discussion and the students will answer some comprehension questions about what they've just read. We may also play some vocabulary and reading games. To keep the class running orderly and smoothly, we will have some basic class rules posted at the front of the room. There are also star points and some prizes the students can receive for their good behavior. The students also each have access to an online version of the book where they can practice their reading and turn in homework. I'm sure they will learn a lot in this class, as well as have a lot of fun. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for our first month of classes.

- Week 1: Unit 1: Week 1 Little Flaps Learns to Fly
- Week 2: Unit 1: Week 1 Little Flaps Learns to Fly
- Week 3: Unit 1: Week 1 Words to Know: actions, afraid, depend, nervously, peered, perfectly, rescue, secret
- Week 4: Unit 1: Week 1 How do friends depend on each other?
- Week 5: Unit 1: Week 1 Help! A Story of Friendship

Phonics

Dear parents,

My name is Tr. Alex and I will be teaching phonics in giraffe class. This class consists of three main activities. The first is doing assigned projects that are related to that we are learning in phonics on an iPad. We will be using the wonders website and every class we will have different assignments for that day. Some are fun games to help their phonics and spelling, others are separation, recognising phonic sounds, and other activities. The second part of this class is our phonics book. In this book we have different spelling words and new phonic blends, consonant, and vowel sounds for each unit. Third we will be doing Keynotes on their iPads. The children really love doing projects on their iPad as this is a fun way for them to learn. I will also be paying close attention

to them when they do iPad projects to make sure they aren't just playing or surfing the web during class time. I like to use games and fun activities to teach or as a review when learning new phonic sounds. Of course we will also have class rules and point/prize systems to encourage good behaviour as this is also a very important part of learning. I look forward to getting to know and teaching everyone in Giraffe class. If you ever have any concerns or would like to communicate anything with the teachers please feel free to tell us as we would be happy to do whatever we can to meet each student's needs. I wish everyone a good school year!

Week 1 – Unit 1 week 1 Long Vowels

Week 2 – Unit 1 week 1 Long Vowels

Week 3 – Unit 1 week 1 Long Vowels

Week 4 – Unit 1 week 1 Keynote Presentation

Week 5 - Unit 1 week 1 Keynote Presentation

Grammar

Hello this year I will continue teaching the Giraffe class; however I will be teaching the Grammar lessons instead of the reading. For this month we will be discussing the different types of sentences there are. A statement: that tells some information, A question: which asked something, A command: which tells you to do something, and an Exclamation: which shows strong feelings. We will be going over these sentence patterns and help the kids to recognize which sentence it is and how to classify it.

Week 1 - Sentences

Week 2 - Statements and Questions/Interrogative

Week 3 - Commands/Imperative

Week 4 - Exclamation/Exclamatory

Week 5 - Review

Composition

Welcome Grade 2. This year we will utilise all the composition skills learnt in Grade 1 to really start to develop their writing skills. We will introduce using an opening introduction to the topic, the middle section will be where the main information is provided and then a closing statement which ends the composition in an interesting way. We will use a 'mindmap' to brainstorm ideas using what, when, where, who, why and how. I try to encourage individuality and the use of 'realistic fiction' where they can use their imagination if they can not draw on their own experiences but it has to be realistic.

I like to encourage creativity and imagination to produce interesting and informative compositions. I will give them examples and ideas but really want them try to think for themselves.

Please see below for a detailed schedule of August.

August will see us continue to use the skills learnt in the other classes to develop our composition writing in an interesting and creative manner.

Week 1- My Favourite Sport

Week 2- My Favourite Sport

Week 3- My Favourite Sport

Week 4- My Favourite Sport

Week 5- A Special Day I Had

All the Best,

Teacher Eamonn



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主題閱讀

各位家長：大家好！

我是 Chalsey，這學期由我教導長頸鹿班的主題閱讀。在學習英文方面，閱讀是其中一個很重要的因素。閱讀提供了一個磨練閱讀能力的絕佳機會，它能夠增加孩子的字彙量。這個月我們將著重在單字和理解上。我們會一起朗讀文章內容，練習朗讀的流暢和正確的發音。我們會針對每一個主題單元進行討論並且針對課文的內容進行理解問答。我們也會進行一些和單字、閱讀相關的遊戲。為了讓上課能夠有秩序並且流暢運作，在教室會張貼一些和行為相關的海報。當孩子們有好的行為表現時，我們會用星星或其他物品獎勵他們。孩子們也會使用線上版的帳號完成老師指定的作業以及閱讀線上的課文。我相信孩子們除了能夠在英文學習方面有所成長外，他們也能夠學習得很開心。以下是八月份得學習計畫。

八月

第一週 第一單元第一週 Little Flaps Learns to Fly

第二週 第一單元第一週 Little Flaps Learns to Fly

第三週 第一單元第一週 字彙：actions, afraid, depend, nervously, peered, perfectly, rescue, secret

第四週 第一單元第一週 朋友們如何相互依賴？

第五週 第一單元第一週 Help! A Story of Friendship

自然發音

各位家長：大家好！

我是長頸鹿班自然發音課的老師 Alex。這堂課包含了三個部分。第一個部分是在 iPad 完成自然發音的線上練習。我們將登入 Wonders 網頁，並且完成當日指定的練習項目。有一些是有趣的遊戲，幫助孩子們學習自然發音和拼字，其他的是拆音節，認出每個音節所發的音。第二個部分是自然發音練習本，書中每一章節有不同拼音的單字以及介紹新的發音規則如混合音、子音和母音。第三部分則是使用 iPad 中的 keynote 做專題報告。孩子們非常喜愛做專題報告，對他們而言這種學習方式非常有趣。在課堂上我會

留意孩子們製作簡報的狀況，讓他們不致瀏覽其他網頁。我本身喜歡透過遊戲或是有趣的活動來引導或複習新的自然發音規則。當然，我們會有一些課室規定，鼓勵孩子們有好的行為表現，這對孩子們的學習也是很重要的一部分。我很期待能夠認識並且教導長頸鹿班的孩子們。若您有任何疑問，都歡迎與我們聯繫，我們很樂意提供孩子們適時的協助。祝福 每個孩子都有順利的新學期！

第一週 第一單元第一週 長母音

第二週 第一單元第一週 長母音

第三週 第一單元第一週 長母音

第四週 第一單元第一週 專題報告

第五週 第一單元第一週 專題報告

文法

今年我將繼續將導長頸鹿班的孩子們。然而，這次我教的内容是文法，不是主題閱讀。這個月我們將學習不同種類的句子。陳述句在提供一些訊息，問句在詢問事情，命令句告訴你去做哪些事，驚嘆句則是帶有強烈的情感。我們將引導孩子們認識這些句型並且看到句子能夠判斷是哪種句型並分類。

第一週 句子類型

第二週 陳述句與疑問句/ 疑問詞

第三週 命令句/ 祈使語氣

第四週 驚嘆句 /感嘆詞

第五週 複習

寫作

親愛的家長：您好！

歡迎孩子們升上二年級！今年我們將運用一年級學過的寫作技巧，讓孩子們進一步發揮他們的寫作能力。孩子們將學習在每一篇文章的首段要介紹主題，中段則是主要的內文，在最後的段落則需要有一個有趣的結尾。我們也會繼續使用心智圖的方式腦力激盪，使用什麼 (what)、何時 (when)、地方 (where)、誰 (who)、原因 (why) 以及如何 (how)。我會試著鼓勵每個孩子擁有獨特的個別性，如果孩子們沒有辦法描繪出自身的經驗，他們可以利用想像力來描述寫實的事件。

八月份我們繼續將運用其他堂課學過的技巧，試著寫出有趣又有創意的文章。

第一週 我最愛的運動

第二週 我最愛的運動

第三週 我最愛的運動

第四週 我最愛的運動

第五週 特別的一天

真摯的祝福！

Teacher Eamonn