



Monkey Class Newsletter September 2017

Dear parents,

It's been great coming back to monkey class after my month away and I'm really impressed with the amount they have remembered from the last time I was with them. I'm hearing better grammar by the day in their play time conversations and it's also nice being able to talk about almost anything with the students these days!

This month we will be continuing our focus on the new subjects that have sprung up recently such as phonics and conversation while also helping the students with their writing fluency. The writing practice we did last year is already paying off and the children are successfully remembering how to hold the pencil correctly and the stroke order of each letter!

I will also be preparing the script for the next drama play which will be premiered in November so I hope that's something we can all look forward to!

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.

September 4th – September 8th: Here Comes The Parade

September 11th – September 15th: It's Circle time! Shapes

September 18th – September 22nd: Out The Door

September 25th – September 29th: I Love Trees

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 year we are using both the Anthology and Workshop books which will also exercise the children's comprehension and grammar skills!

September 4th – September 8th: Unit 1 Week 1 Anthology: At School

September 11th – September 15th: Unit 1 Week 1 Anthology: At School

September 18th – September 22nd: Unit 1 Week 1 Anthology: At School

September 25th – September 29th: Unit 1 Week 2 Workshop: Where I Live

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...

September 4th – September 8th: C2: P06 – 10: Reciting Numbers

September 11th – September 15th: C2: P11 – 14: Reciting Numbers

September 18th – September 22nd: C2: P15 – 18: Measurements

September 25th – September 29th: C3: P01 – 5: Counting objects

Workbook (spelling and conversation)

Workbook class covers two of our scheduled classes featured in our timetable. In this class we enhance the student's reading and writing ability while also reinforcing their grammar learnt in conversation class. The workbook for this year should be a lot of fun for the children with plenty of multiple choice quizzes to get them thinking and plenty of chances for them to exercise their writing skills while not being too difficult. This book also has a friendly, colourful layout making it easy for the student's understanding.

September 4th – September 8th: P16 - 17

September 11th – September 15th: P18 - 19

September 18th – September 22nd: P20 - 21

September 25th – September 29th: P22 - 23

Phonics

In our phonics class we are using the Sadlier Phonics Level A book which is a great colourful book with an easy layout for the children to practice their alphabet sounds. The students have already done an amazing job in the first year at getting used to reading phonetically and sounding out words but this class will give everyone a chance to practice old and new sounds while also reinforcing some first year material for the children who need the extra support.

September 4th – September 8th: P27 – 30

September 11th – September 15th: P31 - 34

September 18th – September 22nd: P35 - 38

September 25th – September 29th: P39 - 42

Physical Education

P.E. Class is a great chance for the children to let off steam and get the blood flowing. It is very important for children to exercise for their physical and mental health but while we take this seriously we also have a lot of fun. Games range from racing; either by running, using the tricycles or cars, to chasing Frisbees, balloons or one of their favourites, 'The Gladiators Game', where they need to hit each other with the inflatable hammers!

September 4th – September 8th: Gladiators

September 11th – September 15th: Soccer skills

September 18th – September 22nd: Cross country

September 25th – September 29th: Tricycle race

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.

September 4th – September 8th: Panda Mask

September 11th – September 15th: Fish

September 18th – September 22nd: Lucky Charm

September 25th – September 29th: Moon Festival

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!

September 4th – September 8th: Down By The River

September 11th – September 15th: Hickory Dickory Dock

September 18th – September 22nd: Hickory Dickory Dock

September 25th – September 29th: Hokey Pokey

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