



Giraffe Class Newsletter October 2017

Reading Class

This last month of reading class was very educational and everything went very smoothly. We learned a lot of new vocabulary and, most importantly, the students learned a lot of new spelling techniques to help improve their spelling skills and I think they are learning very fast for their level. For this next month we will continue to read the stories and learn new vocabulary. We will also spend a lot more time working through their weekly assessment books, where the students will read a short story and answer multiple choice comprehension questions about the story. This will be a great way to help assess the student's level and measure their progress as we carry on throughout the semester. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Unit 1: Week 3: Our pet friends

Week 2: Review

Week 3: Unit 1: Week 3: How can a pet be an important friend?

Week 4: Unit 1: Week 3: Finding Cal

Phonics

This month I'm sad to say that I will be gone for three weeks as I have some family obligations in the United States that I must go for. I will be leaving on October 3rd and returning on October 27th. I have found a very professional and experienced teacher to sub for me when I am gone. He has a lot of experience teaching different age groups and of course had taught kindergarten and ESL for many years. I trust him to take good care of Giraffe class and hope you won't worry too much about them.

This month we will be learning two letter blends in phonics class such as gr, r, sl, pl, sk, etc. Most of these are fairly simple as their original sounds are not changed like in th or sh. Consonant blends are commonly seen throughout many different words and is a big part of phonics are sounding out words.

Our keynote topic will be about pets. Everyone will pick a pet that they would like to have and talk about why they want this pet, how they would care for it, etc.

Week 1 – Unit 1 week 2

Week 2 – Unit 1 week 2

Week 3 – Unit 1 week 2

Week 4 – Unit 1 week 3

Grammar

This month we will be introducing the different parts of sentences and how to use them to create a complete idea. As complete sentences are very important to written English, we will be showing the students the following patterns and rules.

Oct. 2nd- Oct.6th Parts of a sentence- subject
Oct. 9th- Oct.13th Parts of a letter- greeting
Oct. 16th- Oct.20th Parts of a letter- closing
Oct. 23th- Oct.27th Review

Composition

Dear Parents,

We are into our second month now in Grade 2. I have noticed a great variance in the participation and contribution levels of this class. Some of the children are very enthusiastic and love to participate in discussions whilst others just sit back and don't get involved. Even though this is composition or writing class we need to discuss the topic to 'brainstorm' ideas and share experiences. Sometimes a student will not be 100% sure of the topic or can't remember their own experiences so participating in the discussions is vital to stimulate ideas.

This month we will be writing about 'Learning about a New Thing'.

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

Please see below for a detailed schedule of October.

October 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- Learning about a New Thing
Week 2- Learning about a New Thing
Week 3- Learning about a New Thing
Week 4- Learning about a New Thing

All the Best,
Teacher Eamonn



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主題閱讀

上個月我們學習了許多具有教育意義的內容，課程也進行得很順利。我們學習了許多新的字彙，最重要的是，孩子們學習了拼字的技巧來幫助他們拼字。以他們目前的程度而言，他們的學習吸收速度是很快的。下個月，我們將繼續閱讀主題文章及學習更多的新字彙。我們也會花時間練習閱讀評量，我們會先閱讀一短篇故事，回答多重選擇題來理解故事的內容。這是一個絕佳的方式知道孩子們的進度，並且檢視他們在學期內是否有所進步。以下是這個月的學習計畫。

第一週 第一單元第三週 Pets are our friends

第二週 複習週

第三週 第一單

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第四週 第一單元第三週 Finding Cal

自然發音

這個月我感到有些難過，因為我即將請假三個星期，參加在美國的家庭聚會。我將於 10 月 3 日開始請假，27 日回來上課。這段期間將由一位非常專業且資深的老師來代理上課。代課老師的教學經驗非常豐富，他教過許多不同年齡層的學生，當然，他也有好多年的經驗教幼兒園以及 ESL 的孩子。我相信他能夠把長頸鹿班的孩子教得很好，爸爸媽媽可以放心。

自然發音方面，這個月我們將學習兩個字母結合的混合音，如 gr, sl, pl, sk 等。這些混合音對孩子們而言都是簡單的，因為每個字母的原音都還在，但是像 th, sh 就全然不同了。子音結合的混合音在許多的單字中都非常的常見，在自然發音的規則裡它們大部分都是一看到就能直接唸出來的音。

我們的簡報主題是關於寵物。每個孩子都將選擇一樣他們想要有的寵物，並且說明他們喜愛的原因以及他們將如何照料寵物等。

第一週 第一單元第二週
第二週 第一單元第二週
第三週 第一單元第二週
第四週 第一單元第二週

英文文法

這個月我們將介紹不同種類的句子，以及如何使用這些句型來完整表達想法。在書寫英文時，寫出完整的句子結構是非常重要的事。因此，我們將學習下列的句型和規則。

10/02-10/06 句子中的主格
10/09-10/13 信件格式 開頭問候
10/16-10/20 信件格式 結尾
10/23-10/27 複習週

英文寫作

各位家長：

我們即將邁入二年級的第二個月。我發現班上的孩子在參與及發言上有些許的不同。有些孩子顯得很熱情，喜歡參予討論；有些孩子則喜歡坐著，較少投入。雖然這堂英文寫作課比較多的紙筆練習，但我們還是需要在腦力激盪時討論寫作的主题，並且分享生活中的經驗。有時，孩子們沒辦法百分之百確定他們要說的主题，或是不記得自身的生活經驗，所以在課堂上參予討論是很重要的事，能夠激起更多的想法。

這個月我們寫作的主题是「學習一件新的事物」。我喜歡鼓勵孩子們發會創意及想像力，讓他們的文章更生動有趣並且言之有物。我會提供他們範例及想法，更希望他們多嘗試思考。

以下是十月份的學習計畫。

十月份，我們將利用在其他堂課學到的技巧把它應用在寫作課，並且寫出活潑有趣、具有創意的文章。

第一週 學習一件新的事物
第二週 學習一件新的事物
第三週 學習一件新的事物
第四週 學習一件新的事物

真摯的祝福！

Teacher Eamonn