



Bear Class ESL Grade 3 2017 October Newsletter

Welcome to the Bear Class ESL Grade 3 monthly newsletter for October.

We are in our 2nd month now and we slowly settling down into our routine. The class is smart and have a good level of vocabulary and knowledge. There is a mixed level of participation with some children being more dominant and others happy to sit back and not contribute. This is an area I will work on this semester and make sure that everyone is involved in discussions and activities.

We have a lot of fun and interesting lessons planned for the coming weeks, so let's take a look at what's to come in October 2017.

Core Material - Reading

We read the reading book everyday. I am very strict when it comes to reading time. Everyone sits down and we read together following the words with our fingers.

Often the kids will have questions about the story and about words they don't understand. I positively encourage questions about the reading material to make sure they understand.

Alongside the reading material, the students have a word list each week. The words from the list are selected from the reading material. When the students are first introduced to the new vocabulary most of them are unsure how to pronounce the words, let alone understand their meanings. So, as a class we go through the wordlists and I explain what they mean. Sometimes this can be done on the big TV via Google. I have found this to be a fantastic tool to help the students understand more easily.

October- Unit 1 Growing and Learning

Week 1-3 Unit 1 Week 2 'The Dream Catcher'. This story talks about traditions and how they are passed down through families. Traditions are an important way to learn about culture and customs and how to continue these through the generations.

Week 4 Unit 1 Week 3 'Room to Grow'. This story talks about how different cultures contribute to a community. It shows how different groups can come together to work on a project as an inner city garden or indoor garden to grow vegetables and then share the proceeds to help others.

Grammar

The majority of our lesson time is spent reading the Core Material reading book. However, a portion of the lesson will involve completing a grammar exercise using a grammar workbook.

Grammar lessons usually involve a discussion about the task, accompanied by some examples. Students complete the task and help and feedback is given.

The tasks vary in length. Most lessons comprise of the students completing a page in their text books. Once they have completed the task they can move on to the next page.

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Weeks 1-3- Unit 1 Week 2- Continues to look at sentences, sentence fragments, and periods, statements, declarations and questions, when to use capital letters, periods and question marks and also looks at commands, exclamation marks,

Week 4- Unit 1 Week 3- Continues to look at sentences, statements and commands but also introduces subjects, predicates, and complete subjects.

Composition

Composition Class is a fantastic opportunity for the students to do some creative writing. It's quite a short class, just once per week but it gives them a chance to think for themselves and write creatively.

A topic is chosen for them such as 'What I Want to Do When I Grow Up', after which we have a discussion and suggestions are made as to what they might write. After the initial draft is finished, their compositions are marked and returned ready for the rewrite the following week.

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Weeks 1-3 - 'Being famous'- The students have the opportunity to write an essay describing being famous. How they feel it would be? What it would be like? They could write about different reasons for being famous and what would be the benefits or negatives of everyone knowing who you are.

Week 4 - 'My Secret Garden'- Imagine you found a secret garden with kinds of plants you love. What kinds of plants would see? Do you smell anything? Are there any animals or insects? Any other things that you can imagine being in your garden?

Keynote Presentations

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Weeks 1 -4 The keynote topic for this month will be 'Festivals'. We will look at different festivals around the world. Taiwan has many festivals such as Dragon Boat or Moon Festivals but also celebrates more Western style festivals such as Christmas, Easter or Halloween. We will look at what the festival involves such as food, dress, traditions and activities. This topic will be interesting as festivals are always fun and relaxing times and give the opportunity to participate in new activities.

This concludes the monthly newsletter for October.

As always if you have anything you would like to discuss with me, please feel free to leave me a message in the weekly communication books.

Until next time, see you soon.

Teacher Eamonn



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歡迎來到小熊班 ESL 的十月份月報。

這個月是我們的第二個月以及我們慢慢地也建立起我們的上課規則，這個班上的孩子都很聰明和他們有很不錯的英文能力。在這個班上有不同課堂參與度的孩子，有些孩子很熱情會一直參與課程的活動，但有些孩子參與度較低，這是目前我這學期所經營的班級和我要確認每個孩子是否有積極參與我們課堂上的活動及研討。

我們將會有很有趣的課程內容在未來幾週裡，以下是我們十月份的課程規劃：

核心教材 - 閱讀

我們每天都會有閱讀課，當他們在閱讀時我會比較嚴格一點點要求他們，每個孩子要乖乖坐好以及念課文時會要求小朋友手指頭比著字來唸，一方面可以訓練孩子專心以及增加其認字的能力。

當孩子用心閱讀時他們可以發現故事裡自己有疑問的地方及他們自己不了解的地方，我會正向的鼓勵他們問問題及確認他們是否都完成了解。

依循著閱讀教材，每週孩子們會有一張單字表，這些單字都是從我們的閱讀課文中的故事挑選出來的，當孩子拿到單字表的時候，面對新的單字他們可能不是很懂，甚至不知道如何念出來，所以我會透過單字表來解釋給他們聽，有時候我們會透過我們的大電視連結 google 來搜尋字義或透過圖片來解釋給孩子們理解，我發現這個是一個很棒的工具來幫助小朋友更加容易理解單字的字義。

十月份-單元一成長與學習

第一週到第三週 單元一第二週 主題: 'The Dream Catcher' 這個故事在告訴我們傳統及他們如何將這些傳統傳承下來，傳統是一個很重要的方式來學習風俗文化及學習如何傳承這些給下一代。

第四週 單元一第三週 主題是 'Room to Grow'，這個故事在告訴我們不同的文化如何在一個社區成長，故事在告訴我們不同的族群如何運用一個專案來做一個室內的都市花園或一個室內花園來種植蔬菜及分享的一個過程來幫助其他的人。

文法

在我們的課程裡主要的課程仍以我們閱讀為主，儘管如此我們每週仍會花一點時間來完成他們的文法練習本。

文法的課程我們通常會先討論一下學習的內容，運用一些例子來讓小朋友了解並完成他們的練習及檢討不會的地方。

依照內容的長度會有些變化，所以大部分的課程，我們會讓孩子先完成一頁的內容在他們的練習本之後再進行下一頁。

以下是我們的課程規劃：

十月份

第一週到第三週 - 單元一第二週 - 我們要繼續學習句子片段、句點、句子、聲明、問句以及何時該用大寫及標點符號的學習。

第四週 - 單元一第三週 - 學習句子，句型還有命令句也會介紹主詞，述語和完整主詞。

作文

寫作課對我們的孩子而言是一個很棒的機會，可以讓孩子有一個自我創作的機會，這是一個很短的課程一週才半個小時，但是可以給他們一個機會思考及創意寫作。

我們會先選訂好主題例如 'What I Want to Do When I Grow Up' 在這之後，我們會先討論及給予他們一些建議。因此他們會有一些想法來寫作，初稿完成後，我會批閱他們的寫作後再請他們訂正並在未來一週裡再重新騰一次。

十月份

第一週到第三週 - 主題: 'Being famous' 孩子們有一個機會來寫一篇小短文描述成名的感受，他們的感受如何啊？將會變成怎麼樣呢？他們可以寫一些不同想法來完成他們的短文及當大家知道你是誰的好處及壞處。

第四週 - 主題: 'My Secret Garden' 想像一下你找到一個秘密花園有各式各樣你愛的植物，什麼樣的植物是你想要看到的？你聞到了那些味道？那裏有那些小動物或昆蟲呢？任何事情你都可以想像在你的秘密花園裡。

Keynote 簡報

第一週到第四週- 我們的簡報主題為 'Festivals' 。我們將會了解到這個世界上有很多不一樣的節慶活動，台灣有很多不同的節慶活動，例如：端午節或中秋節。但也有一些西方世界的節慶活動，耶誕節，復活節和萬聖節。我們將會認識節慶包括食物，服裝，及傳統活動。這個主題將會很有趣因為節慶活動總是充滿歡樂及輕鬆的氣氛及給他們一個機會來參與一些新的活動。

以上是我們十月份的月報。

假如你有任何孩子學習問題想要與我討論，請您不要客氣將您的想法寫在聯絡簿上，我會盡快回覆您！

Until next time, see you soon.

Teacher Eamonn.