



Monkey Class Newsletter

January 2018

Dear parents,

Happy New Year to all! December was a very festive time for us all and we all had a lot of fun getting involved with the decorations and the Xmas songs. I hope you all enjoyed the Xmas show and now let's get down to what's happening in January!

As I'm sure you are aware this month is reading competition month but I'm sure with enough preparation that all of Monkey Class should put on a great performance here. Since the children's phonics and reading ability is better than ever we are now sailing through most of the story books in the curriculum. In terms of confidence and their projection when reading they have all come a long way since last year so I hope there won't be too many nerves up there on stage either. We look forward to seeing you all this month and please check our schedule below.

Many thanks,

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.

January 2nd – January 5th: Review

January 8th – January 12th: I Can Do It All

January 15th – January 19th: Prepare For Reading Contest

January 22nd – January 26th: Inu Duck's Toy

January 29th – January 31st: Catch up and Review

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!

January 2nd – January 5th: Review

January 8th – January 12th: Unit 1 week 3 Anthology: Our Pets

January 15th – January 19th: Unit 1 week 3 Anthology: Our Pets

January 22nd – January 26th: Unit 1 week 3 Anthology: Our Pets

January 29th – January 31st: Catch up and 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...

January 2nd – January 5th: C5 P06 – 10: Spatial Description

January 8th – January 12th: C5 P11 – 14: Counting Objects

January 15th – January 19th: C5 P15 – 18: Spatial Correspondence

January 22nd – January 26th: Catch up and Review

January 29th – January 31st: Catch up and Review

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.

January 2nd – January 5th: P44 - 45

January 8th – January 12th: P46 - 47

January 15th – January 19th: P48 - 49

January 22nd – January 26th: P50 - 51

January 29th – January 31st: P52

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.

January 2nd – January 5th: Short Vowels: P119, 120, 121, 123

January 8th – January 12th: Short Vowels: P126, 129

January 15th – January 19th: Short Vowels: P130, 131, 133, 134

January 22nd – January 26th: Short Vowels: P137 - 139, 141

January 29th – January 31st: Short Vowels: P143, 145

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!

January 2nd – January 5th: Frisbee

January 8th – January 12th: Cross Country
January 15th – January 19th: Soccer Skills
January 22nd – January 26th: Tricycle Race
January 29th – January 31st: Grand Prix

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.

January 2nd – January 5th: Winter
January 8th – January 12th: Winter
January 15th – January 19th: Winter
January 22nd – January 26th: Winter
January 29th – January 31st: Winter

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!

January 2nd – January 5th: High Five
January 8th – January 12th: High Five
January 15th – January 19th: Listen and Move
January 22nd – January 26th: Listen and Move
January 29th – January 31st: Listen and Move

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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親愛的父母，

祝大家新年快樂！十二月對我們來說是一個非常喜慶的時刻，在參與裝飾和聖誕歌曲部分我們獲得了許多樂趣。我希望您能享受聖誕節表演，現在我們看看接下來一月會發生什麼事。

我相信你們知道本月正在閱讀比賽月份，但我確信有足夠的準備，所有的猴子班都應該在這裡表現出色。由於孩子們的自然發音和閱讀能力比以往任何時候都要好，現在我們正在通過課程大部分的故事書。從閱讀的信心來看，自去年以來都有很長的路要走，所以我希望在舞台上也不會有太多的緊張。我們期待在這個月見到你，和請確認我們的時間表如下。

非常感謝，

山姆老師

閱讀

閱讀課是我們在瑪歇爾這裡感到自豪的一件事，我們始終瞄准在第一年年底，當然在第二年年底，會有一班獨立的讀者，充分掌握單字的拼音和發音。

這個班級也很有助於建立他們的詞彙，從而有利於他們的談話技巧。我發現這個課堂提供學生想像力，激發孩子們在自己的時間閱讀故事，通常在第三年，他們會想要寫他們自己的故事！由於閱讀對我而言是個人最喜愛的一部分，所以我非常關心為孩子們提供最好的結果，我希望您的孩子的能力能夠穩步提高。

1/2-1/5: 複習

1/8-1/12: I Can Do It All

1/15-1/19: Prepare For Reading Contest

1/22-1/26: Inu Duck's Toy

1/29-1/31: 趕上及複習

主教材

這個課程是兒童閱讀、文法和拼音技巧的全面技能。在這些課程中，孩子會被要求分析故事，練習母音，並使用選擇的關鍵字進行造句和文法。今年我們會使用“選集”和“Workshop”的書，這些書也將運用孩子的理解能力和文法技巧！

1/2-1/5: 複習

1/8-1/12: Unit 1 week 3 Anthology: Our Pets

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1/22-1/26: Unit 1 week 3 Anthology: Our Pets

1/29-1/31: 趕上及複習

數學

我們會在數學課程中使用 MPM 書籍及盒子，他們真的有一個獨特及有趣的方式，透過使用動物，顏色和對象，孩子們與樂趣和遊戲相結合，向孩子們傳遞常見的數學概念!這個月我們會專注於...

1/2-1/5: C5 P06 – 10: 空間描述

1/8-1/12: C5 P11 – 14: 計數對象

1/15-1/19: C5 P15 – 18: 空間對應

1/22-1/26: 趕上及複習

1/29-1/31: 趕上及複習

Workbook (拼字與會話)

工作書課程涵蓋了我們時間表中列出的兩個預定行程。在這個課程中，我們會提升學生的閱讀和寫作能力，同時也加強了他們在會話課上學到的文法。今年的工作書有很多多項的選擇測驗，對於孩子來說應該是非常有趣的，讓他們思考並且有很多機會練習，練習他們的寫字技巧不會變得很困難。這本書還有一個友善的地方，豐富多彩的版面編排，使學生變得更容易理解。

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自然發音

在我們的拼音課程中，我們使用了 Sadlier Phonics Level A 一本書，這本書是一本具有豐富色彩的書籍，讓孩子們提供了一個簡單的佈局練習字母的發音。學生在第一年已經做了一個驚人的工作，習慣了閱讀語音和發音，但這個課程將給每個人一個機會練習舊的和新的發音，同時還加強了一些第一年的資料，為需要的孩子額外支持。

1/2-1/5: 短母音: P119, 120, 121, 123

1/8-1/12: 短母音: P126, 129

1/15-1/19: 短母音: P130, 131, 133, 134

1/22-1/26: 短母音: P137 - 139, 141

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體能課

體能課是一個讓孩子們發洩以及讓血液流動的好機會。運動對孩子的身體和精神健康來說是非常重要的。然而我們認真的對待也變得很有趣。遊戲範圍從比賽; 通過運行，使用三輪車或汽車，追飛盤，氣球或他們最喜歡的“鬥劍士遊戲”，他們必須用充氣的鐵槌中打擊彼此。

1/2-1/5: 飛盤

1/8-1/12: 越野

1/15-1/19: 足球技巧

1/22-1/26: 三輪車比賽

1/29-1/31: 大獎賽

主題活動

每個月，分配一名不同的外國教師來規劃和安排給定主題的活動。這可以是小型藝術項目，學校附近的短途旅行，甚至是在教室裡的派對! 這些主題通常與世界各地的不同節慶有關，所以它真的有助於他們在玩樂的同時理解不同的文化。

1/2-1/5: 冬天

1/8-1/12: 冬天

1/15-1/19: 冬天

1/22-1/26: 冬天

1/29-1/31: 冬天

唱歌和跳舞

這是一個很好的機會，讓我和學生一起聯繫和享受一些歌曲。除了預定的歌曲，我將會向孩子們傳授迪斯尼目錄，音樂劇中的更多歌曲，或者是我發現對兒童有好處的任何歌曲!

1/2-1/5: High Five

1/8-1/12: High Five

1/15-1/19: Listen and Move

1/22-1/26: Listen and Move

1/29-1/31: Listen and Move

圖書館/故事書

每個星期，孩子們和我有參觀圖書館的故事時間和交換書籍。看到他們聆聽故事和對故事很感興趣是很可愛的！他們真的參與了這些故事，我相信這對他們的聽力和想像力都有好處！

我期許這一封具有深刻見解的信，

感謝您的閱讀！

祝順心，

山姆老師