



Giraffe Class Newsletter

May 2017

Reading

This coming month we have a lot to get through. We're continuing with the theme of reading stories about animals. I think the students really enjoy this because it's so interesting and educational. They get the chance to not only learn and improve their English, but also to learn more about the world around them. This month we have a story called "Baby Bears". The students will learn a lot of useful words like "mammals" and how to define them. They will also learn a lot of new sentence structures and spelling words. I will continue to work with them on improving their phonics and pronunciation. I am sure they will have a lot of fun this month as well. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Unit 2: Week 3 Animal Habitat

Week 2: Unit 2: Week 4 Baby Animals

Week 3: Unit 2: Week 4 Eagles and Eaglets

Week 4: Unit 2: Week 4 Words to Know: adult, alive, covered, fur, giant, groom, mammal, offspring

Week 5: Unit 2: Week 4 Baby Bears

Phonics

Dear parents,

This month in phonics class we will be learning about some basic consonant blends. Consonant blends are when two or three consonants together make up a different sound than their individual sound. These can be a little tricky and you need to watch out for them in words when reading. We will be doing different practices and games to help everyone get more familiar with these sounds and when they appear in words.

For our keynotes our topic will be about different habitats and the animals in them. In our level readers we have online we are already learning about habitats such as oceans and coral reefs. We are discussing what animals live there and how they survive and help each other.

Week 1 – Unit 2 Week 3 Review

Week 2 – Unit 2 Week 4 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

Week 3 – Unit 2 Week 4 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

Week 4 – Unit 2 Week 4 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

Week 5 - Unit 2 Week 4 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

Grammar

Dear Parents,

This month we will continue talking about the different nouns and how to differentiate between them. As we have Proper and common nouns, and now we will begin to learn about "collective nouns" or nouns that talk about a group of things. As certain objects have special names for them we will be looking into these special nouns and how to use them.

Week 1 – Unit 2 Week 3 Review

Week 2 – Unit 2 Week 4 Plural Nouns

Week 3 – Unit 2 Week 4 Plural Nouns

Week 4 – Unit 2 Week 4 Abbreviations

Week 5 - Unit 2 Week 4 Possessive Nouns

Composition

Dear Parents,

We are now progressing nicely through the material. I have noticed an improvement in their independence and their contribution in class. They are starting to produce better quality pieces of writing. The main thing that they have to focus on is their use of the correct tense. I often find they automatically write in the present tense rather than looking at the example and choosing the correct tense to fit the situation. This is hard for students as they do not have tenses in Mandarin but is vital for writing in English.

Please see below for a detailed schedule of May.

Week 1- Why We Eat Vegetables

Week 2- A Family Activity

Week 3- A Family Activity

Week 4- A Family Activity

Week 5- A Family Activity

All the Best,

Teacher Eamonn



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Reading

這個月我們有許多的內容要學習。我們將繼續閱讀關於動物的故事。相信孩子們都會很喜愛，因為這些故事既有趣也充滿教育寓意。他們不僅在學習英文、提升英文能力，他們也在認識這個世界。這個月我們的主題閱讀是「小熊」，孩子們將學習許多有用的單字如 mammal（哺乳類）以及如何定義哺乳類。孩子們還會學習其他的句子結構和拼字，我會協助教導他們一些自然發音規則和正確的發音。我相信孩子們這個月將會很開心學習。以下是五月份的學習計畫。

第一週 第二單元第三週 Animal Habitat

第二週 第二單元第四週 Baby Animals

第三週 第二單元第四週 Eagles and Eaglets

第四週 第二單元第四週 字彙：adult, alive, covered, fur, giant, groom, mammal, offspring

第五週 第二單元第四週 Baby Bears

Phonics

各位家長：你好！

這個月我們將學習一些基本的子音混合音。子音混合音指的是兩個或三個子音結合成另一個音，有別於原本單一子音所發出的聲音。這些混合音有些複雜，尤其在朗讀時需要特別留意。我們將進行許多不同的練習和遊戲，讓孩子們更熟悉這些混合音。主題簡報方面，我們這次的主題是關於棲息地以及其動物。在做線上練習時，我們已經讀過關於海洋和珊瑚群的線上讀本。我們將討論哪些動物住在其中、它們怎麼生存以及共生。

第一週 第二單元第三週 Review

第二週 第二單元第四週 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

第三週 第二單元第四週 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

第四週 第二單元第四週 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

第五週 第二單元第四週 ch, tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

Grammar

各位家長：

這個月我們繼續學習各種不同的名詞以及如何區分他們的差別。我們已經學習專有名詞與普通名詞，現在我們還要學習集合名詞，指一群東西的單位。有些特定的事物有特別的名字，我們將檢視這些特別的名詞並且學習如何使用。

第一週 第二單元第三週 Review

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Composition

各位家長：您好！

我們目前在課堂上都進行得很流暢。我注意到孩子們的成長，他們變得較為獨立，在課堂上能夠貢獻想法。他們開始能夠寫出較好品質的文章。寫作時，他們須要注意使用正確的時態。我發現孩子們會自動地將時態設定成現在簡單式，正確的方式是先檢視範例文章中的時態，使用正確的時態來符合文章中的情況。這對孩子們有些困難，因為在中文裡動詞沒有時態的變化，但在英文寫作中卻是非常重要的。

以下是五月份的學習計畫。

第一週 為什麼我們要吃蔬菜

第二週 家族活動

第三週 家族活動

第四週 家族活動

第五週 家族活動

真摯的祝福！