



Bear Class ESL Grade 3 2018 May Newsletter

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

As we continue working through our curriculum I am happy with the progress I am seeing. I can see improvements in all the topics I teach- grammar, reading and comprehension and Keynotes. I am particularly happy with the conversation skills of this class. I am seeing more contribution and participation throughout the class so hope this can continue.

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 May 2018.

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.

May- Unit 2 Figure It Out

May- Week 1-3 Unit 2 Week 3 'Government'. This story talks about how people make their government work. We will use the example of voting for a class president and teach the kids about the power of voting. It will show that people can change and affect their country by choosing the correct person to rule their country.

May- Week 4 Unit 3 Week 4 'Survival'. This story talks about how humans have caused a lot of damage to our planet through pollution, overpopulation and lack of care and consideration. This damage has affected many animals and has risked their extinction so talks about how we can help with the survival and re-generation of these animals.

May- Week 5 Review

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.

May- Weeks 1-3 Unit 2 Week 3. This month we will look at the use of singular and plural nouns when using an irregular words such as child/children, or tooth/teeth.

May- Weeks 4 Unit 2 Week 4. How to join two predicate nouns by using 'and'. 'We saw dogs. We saw cats'. We can change to 'We saw dogs and cats.'

May- Week 5 Review

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.

May- Weeks 1-4. The topic is 'I'd Like to Invent.....'. This gives the students an opportunity to write about something they would like to invent. This could be a machine, toy or vehicle. I will leave to free to their imagination and creative skills to write about an interesting invention that could help make their life better or more fun.

Keynote Presentations

This semester we are trying something a little different to last semester. We are only doing three topics so the students can spend more time researching the topics to find lots of relevant and interesting information. The three topics will be spread out of the four months so at the moment we are looking at 'Developing Countries'. The students have previously studied more well known countries such as England, Canada or the USA so this will give them the opportunity to learn lots of new vocabulary, places, and about new cultures.

This concludes the monthly newsletter for May.

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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歡迎來到小熊班的五月份月報。

我們持續進行我們的課程，我也很高興看到孩子們的進步，我能夠看見所有科目包括文法，閱讀和閱讀理解和簡報。尤其看見他們在口語上的進步，也看見他們透過課程上引導也很熱絡地參與課程，希望他們能夠持續著。

在未來幾週裡，我們將會有很有趣的課程內容，以下是我們五月份的課程規劃：

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月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。

五月- 單元 2 理解

五月- 第 1-3 週 單元 2 第 3 週 '政府'

這個故事在討論人們如何讓政府運作。我們將透過班級投票來選出一個領導並且教導孩子有關於投票的權利，他將透過人們的改變及影響他們的國家透過選擇一個對的人來管理他們的國家。

五月- 第 4 週 單元 3 第 4 '生存'.

這個故事在探討人類所導致的污染如何摧毀我們的星球，過多的污染和缺乏關心及考慮，這個破壞已經影響很多動物和瀕臨滅絕的危機，所以探討我們能夠幫助這些動物存活下去。

五月- 第 5 週 複習

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：

五月- 第 1-3 週 單元 2 第 3 週

這個月我們將學習使用單複數名詞在於不規則複數名詞上的運用，例如 child/children, or tooth/teeth.

五月- 第 4 週 單元 2 第 4 週

如何將兩個名詞透過使用對等連接詞 and 來使用。

例如: 'We saw dogs. We saw cats'. We can change to 'We saw dogs and cats.'

五月- 第 5 週 複習

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再重新謄寫一次在未來一週裡。

五月- 第 1-4 週

主題是 'I'd Like to Invent.....'，這個給孩子們一個機會寫寫有關一些東西他們很想要去發明，這個可能是一個機器，玩具或一個交通工具，我將會留很多想像空間給他們以及創作技巧讓他們去寫寫有趣的發明來幫助他們的生活更好獲得更多的趣味。

Keynote Presentations 簡報練習

這學期我們在簡報課上，會有一些不一樣的部分，我們將只有三個主題，所以學生們可以有更多的時間來研究他們的主題來找到更多相關的資訊，這三個主題我們將會延伸到這四個月所以現在我們正在製作的主題是 'Developing Countries' 在開始製作前，他們有預先了解到一些國家例如英國，加拿大，或美國，所以這次正好給孩子們學習到更多的生字，新的地方及更多不同的文化。

以上是我們這個月的月報。

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.