



Dinosaur Class Newsletter

September 2018

Dear Families

My name is Gareth Evans, and I will be the new English teacher for your child at Marshall Kindergarten School.

I am Englishman, growing up in the small City of Bath in the South-west of England. It is very famous for being the home of Jane Austin, where she wrote many of her books during Georgian England. Living there cultivated my love of reading, and studying history.

Previously I volunteered to teach English customs and language skills to new foreign students at my local university. It is here that I was first introduced to Taiwanese culture and began my interest in this wonderful country. I have also taught some English-based Science lessons, at Uncle Jason's Workshop, where we did practical science lessons focusing on space travel; including learning the names of the planets, and building our own alien spaceships!

Over the coming year, your child and I shall brush up on key English language skills and explore the possibilities of learning the international language of business, travel, and international relations in a positive environment. My wish is to have your child associate the English language with a fun, enjoyable experience that can be challenging, but is always achievable.

To do this we shall use a combination of reading, speaking, and listening activities to fully embed the English language into your child's thoughts. While this may be challenging, I am certain your child is up to the task, and together it is a very possible.

Reading

Reading is vitally important to fully comprehending English as a language. For the next month, we shall be going over four different books, revolving around simple, relatable concepts that the students will be able to think about outside of the class room. After completing each book, the students will be taking a copy home with them, which I heartily encourage to be read at home as well, to refresh their understanding of the words presented in each book.

Sep 3rd – 7th: It's Circle Time! Shapes

Sep 10th – 14th: Here Comes the Parade

Sep 17th – 21st: I Love Trees

Sep 25th – 28th: Out the Door

Core Material

In this class, we shall be focusing on a number of different English concepts including grammar, reading, and phonics. We shall be practicing pronunciations, analyzing stories, constructing sentences, looking grammatical and spelling rules. One of the key objectives of this class is to enable the children to start doing these concepts themselves through focused study, so they can utilize the same skills throughout the rest of their English learning education.

Sep 3rd – 7th: Unit 1 Week 2

Sep 10th – 14th: Unit 1 Week 2

Sep 17th – 21st: Unit 1 Week 3

Sep 25th – 28th: Unit 1 Week 3

Conversation

Conversational English skills are essential for everyday life at Marshall. We encourage the students to speak English as much as possible to reinforce and accelerate our students English speaking abilities through repetition of previously learned words, and helping our students discover new ones.

Sep 3rd – 7th: P16-17 Review

Sep 10th – 14th: P18-19 I like.../ I don't like...

Sep 17th – 21st: P20-21 He eats.../ He doesn't eat...

Sep 25th – 28th: P22-23 He lives... He doesn't live...

Phonics

Our Phonics course will be there to help our students develop their ability to understand English by hearing the sounds of the words. This is one of the keystones to fully understanding English and the ability to pronounce new words by sight which will become increasingly valuable as our English level improves.

Sep 3rd – 7th: P33 - P36 High Frequency Words

Sep 10th – 14th: P38 – P40 Short Vowels

Sep 17th – 21st: P45 – P48 Long a

Sep 25th – 28th: P49 – P51 Long i

Math

For this Semester we are using our Math books and boxes to help us understand simple mathematical concepts through the use of physical objects, characters, animals, and shapes that will make our learning fun.

Sep 3rd – 7th: P6-10 Ordinal Numbers

Sep 10th – 14th: P11-14 Counting Objects

Sep 17th – 21st: P15-18 Spatial Description

Sep 25th – 28th: P1-5 Combination

Physical Education

PE is very important for the correct growth and proper development of our students. Getting enough exercise every day is extremely important for our minds and bodies, as well as the skills that sports teach us such as teamwork, and good sportsmanship; as well as improving our balance, coordination, and large motor skills. This will be achieved by numerous physical activities, games, and sports as well as sufficient enough play time to allow the students to explore their physical capabilities.

Song and Dance

Songs and Dances bring people together and are used across the world to express emotion, celebrate events, and teach concepts and culture across countries and languages. We shall be using singing and dancing to help

learn the English language, as well as encouraging student bonding, and bettering our coordination and large motor skills. Song and dance will also be included in our drama plays presented during the year.

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Thematic Activity

Every month a teacher will be assigned to plan and organize activities around a given theme. These will often be around a cultural festival or important event from around the world, allowing the students to experience something from other countries. In September we will be basing our Thematic activity on the Chinese Culture and Moon Festival, which should be lots of fun.

Library/Storybook

Every week our students are allowed to select a book from the library to take home and read. Reading is not only a very important language skill, but a vitally important skill to open up our imaginations and unleash everyone's inner creativity.

I am more than happy to answer any questions either you, or your child has at any time of the day. Do not be afraid to approach me, either to introduce yourself, or to present any inquiries about lessons.

Thank you for your time, look forward to see you all soon.

Gareth



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親愛的家長們:

我是 Gareth Evans，我將成為 Marshall Kindergarten School 的新英語老師。

我是英國人，在英格蘭西南部的巴斯小城長大。它因為是簡奧斯汀的家而聞名，她在格魯吉亞英格蘭期間寫了很多書。在那裡生活培養了我對閱讀和研究歷史的熱愛。

在此之前，我自願為當地大學的新外國學生教授英語習俗和語言技能。正是在那裡，我第一次接觸到台灣文化，開始了我對這個美好國家的興趣。我還在 Uncle Jason 的工作室講授了一些基礎英語的科學課程，在那裡我們開設了以太空旅行為重點的實用科學課程; 包括學習行星的名字，建立我們自己的外星人太空船！

在接下來的一年裡，我和您的孩子將學習關鍵的英語語言技能，在積極的環境中從學習商業，旅行和國際關係探索英語的可能性。我的願望是讓您的孩子將英語與有趣、愉快的體驗聯繫起來，這可能具有挑戰性，但始終是可以實現的。

為此，我們將結合閱讀，口語和聽力活動，將英語完全嵌入您孩子的思想中。雖然這可能具有挑戰性，但我確信您的孩子能夠勝任這項任務，而且這是非常可能的。

Reading 閱讀

閱讀對於充分理解英語作為一門語言至關重要。下個月，我們將翻閱四本不同的書籍，圍繞著簡單、相關的概念，學生將能夠在課堂之外思考。完成每本書後，學生們將帶著他們回家，我衷心鼓勵他們在家裡閱讀，以更新他們對每本書中的文字理解。

9月3日 - 7日：: It's Circle Time! Shapes

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Core Material 主教材

在本課程中，我們將重點介紹一些不同的英語概念，包括語法，閱讀和語音。我們將練習發音，分析故事，構建句子，查看語法和拼寫規則。本課程的主要目標之一是讓孩子們通過專注於已學習的這些概念，這樣他們就可以在其餘的英語學習教育中使用相同的技能。

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9月25日 - 28日：Unit 1 Week

Conversation 會話

會話英語技能對在學校的日常生活至關重要。我們鼓勵學生盡可能多地說英語，通過重複以前學過的單字，幫助學生發現新單字來強化和加速學生的英語口語能力。

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Phonics 自然發音

我們的 Phonics 課程將幫助我們的學生通過聽到單字的聲音來發展他們理解英語的能力。這是完全理解英語的基石之一，也是通過視覺發表新單字的能力，隨著英語水平的提高，這些單字將變得越來越有價值。

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Math 數學

在本學期，我們使用我們的 MPM 書籍和操作寶盒來幫助我們通過使用物理對象，角色，動物和形狀來理解簡單的數學概念，這將使我們的學習變得有趣。

9月3日 - 7日：p11-p12 序數

9月10日 - 14日：p13-p14 數數

9月17日 - 21日：p15-p16 空間描述

9月25日 - 28日：p17-p18 組合

Physical Education

體育對於學生的成長和適當發展非常重要。每天進行足夠的鍛煉對於我們的思想和身體，運動教會我們，如團隊合作和良好的體育精神，改善我們的平衡，協調和大運動技能，這些都非常重要。通過眾多體育活動，遊戲和體育以及足夠的遊戲時間來實現，學生得以探索他們的身體能力。

Song and Dance 歌舞

歌曲和舞蹈將人們聚集在一起，並在全世界範圍內用於表達情感，慶祝活動，以及跨國家和語言教授概念和文化。我們將使用唱歌和舞蹈來幫助學習英語，鼓勵學生聯繫，並改善我們的協調和大型運動技能。歌舞也將呈現在我們的英語戲劇中。

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Thematic Activity 主題活動

每個月都會指派一名教師來計劃和組織特定的主題活動。這些活動通常圍繞著世界各地的文化節或重要活動，讓學生體驗其他國家的東西。九月，我們將把我們的主題活動是中國文化和中秋節，這應該是很有趣的。

Library/Storybook

每週我們的學生都可以從圖書館選擇一本書帶回家閱讀。閱讀不僅是一種非常重要的語言技能，而且是開啟我們想像力並釋放每個人內心創造力的重要技能。

我非常樂意回答您或您孩子在一天中任何時間遇到的任何問題。不要害怕接近我，您可以自我介紹，或是提出有關課程的任何問題。

感謝您的閱讀，期待很快見到您。

Gareth