



## **Zebra Class Newsletter October 2018**

Dear parents,

Last month we had a very productive month, did a lot of review, and started our new material. Everyone has adjusted well to our new schedule, classroom, and Chinese teacher. In the last month we did a lot of fun activities and worked on a few different projects. We played a lot of new review games and have started to learn a lot of new vocabulary words. We also focused a lot on handwriting and everyone has made so much progress and improved a lot. The students are slowly getting used to doing more bookwork and working with pencils.

In this next month we have a few school activities such as our field trip and Halloween event. For our field trip we will be going to Mutou wood which isn't too far from our school. There are many different things to see there and projects for the children. We will have some fun DIY projects as well as get to play some games together in the grass field and playground. I think this is a fun place where the students will be able to learn and see many new things and get the chance to explore their creativity.

I am also looking forward to our Halloween event. I will be decorating the classroom with the students and we will get to do some fun decoration projects together. I'm sure all the students are also excited to pick out their costumes and come to school and join in our many different games we will have prepared. I can't wait to see all the students' cute costumes and get to have a fun morning with them.

In class I am starting to focus more on having the children speak only English as they are now in K4 and their vocabulary is advanced enough to use English in their basic conversations. Of course, as they are used to speaking Chinese at home and it is their first language this might be a little hard for them at first and they might forget. I will be reminding everyone and encouraging them with little prizes for speaking English during play time. I hope you can also help to remind them at home and encourage them.

## Song and Dance

Last month we learned a few classic songs and everyone loved it very much. They lots of fun dancing to Hokey Pokey and chiming along to Hickory Dickory Dock. Everyone has been enjoying our semester's song selection so far.

This month we will be continuing to learn some classic children's songs. Everyone will have fun learning Itsy Bitsy Spider which I'm sure many of the students have heard before and might already know. Then we will continue on and learn the song My Umbrella which is a slower song about rainy days and how umbrellas keep us dry from the rain.

Week 1-Hokey Pokey

Week 2 – Itsy Bitsy Spider

Week 3 – Itsy Bitsy Spider

Week 4 – My Umbrella

Week 5 – My Umbrella

## Reading

This school year's book are very suitable for the student's level and aren't too hard or long. The books have many fun little topics which everyone has been enjoying and love to talk about. I have been focusing a lot more on reading and having everyone point to the words as we read the book together as it will be important that the students are very familiar with each book at the end of the semester when we have our reading contest. I hope they can also review the books regularly at home throughout the semester.

This month's book is very suited to the events we will be having. We even have a book about Halloween and costumes. I'm sure the students will like that very much. The books 'The dog Show' and 'So Many Houses' teaches a lot of new adjectives and describing words which will be useful vocabulary to learn.

Week 1- Rain! Rain!

Week 2 – Review

Week 3 – My Costume

Week 4 – The Dog Show

Week 5 – So Many Houses

## Core Material/Phonics

In core material we have had many interesting topics and when we have time I even pick other topics to have discussions about. Last month we talked about school. From what classes and teachers we have at school, to following rules and how they are important for us. This was a very relatable topic for everyone so it was easy for the students to join in the discussion. This month's topic will be about 'where do you live/homes'. We will be reading a cute story about animals' home and I will be showing the students different examples of homes around the world.

In phonics we have finished our consonant review and will be continuing onto short vowels and going more in depth with short vowel words and spelling. We also have a few pages in our phonics book which focuses on some simple sight words and using them in sentences.

Week 1 - Unit 1 week 2 workshop – Where I live

Week 2 – Review

Week 3 – Unit 1 week 2 workshop – Short i

Week 4 – Unit 1 week 2 workshop – Six Kids

Week 5 – Unit 1 week 2 anthology – I Live Here

## Maths

Last month we accomplished a lot in math class and even got a little ahead. We focused a lot on learning the numbers 6 -10 and did a lot of counting practises. We have started to use our MPM box a lot more and it has been very useful to us.

This month we will be continuing on with learning about numbers and besides the workbook I will be teaching the students how to count to thirty. We will be doing a lot of projects such as sorting objects by color, items, etc.

Week 1- C3 P6-10 – Counting Objects

Week 2 – Review

Week 3 – C3 P11-14 - Combination

Week 4 – C3 P15 – 18 – Spatial Description

Week 5 – Drama practice

#### Grammar/writing

Our grammar book for this semester is a little more advanced and took a little while for the students to get used to and understand. However, we have learned a lot of new useful vocabulary and sentence patterns. Last month we focused a lot on learning when to use a/an as well as plural words and adding 's' to the end of words to make them plural.

This month we will be learning they are/they aren't and when to use them in sentences. We have a lot of classroom vocabulary words such as pencil, book, eraser, ruler, etc. This will be very useful around the classroom and it will be important that everyone learns how to recognise these words in sent4es as they will be seen often.

Week 1- P24-25 - They aren't ... Are they pencils?

Week 2 – Review

Week 3 – P 26 – 27 – What are they? They're...

Week 4 – P 28-29 - Review

Week 5 – P 30-31- Colors and party things

#### Physical Education

The students have been having a lot of fun in PE and are always excited to see what Tr. Chalsey and I have prepared for them each week. We always have a variety of different games and activities prepared and even when it's a rainy day we do fun activities in the waiting room. Last time it was raining we went to the waiting and made teams. We used the blocks to make a "bridge" and the students had to work together to make it from one side of the room to the next. These activates also help everyone work on their teamwork and social skills which is also an important skill. I am always happy to see them enjoy whatever it is we have in store for them.

Week 1- Bridge building

Week 2 – Car races

Week 3 – Group activities

Week 4 – Jump rope

Week 5 – Obstacle course



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親愛的爸媽媽你們好：

上個月我們度過了一個非常有成效的月份，做了很多練習，並開始了我們的新教材。每個人都適應了我們的新課程，課堂和中文老師。在上個月，我們做了很多有趣的活動，並參與了一些不同的項目。我們玩了很多新的遊戲，並開始學習很多新詞彙。我們也非常注重手寫，每個人都取得了很大的進步和改進。學生們慢慢習慣於做更多的書本。

在接下來的一個月裡，我們會舉辦一些學校活動，例如戶外教學和萬聖節活動。對於我們的戶外教學，我們將前往離我們學校不遠的老樹根。有很多不同的東西可以看到為孩子們設計項目。我們將有一些有趣的 DIY 項目，以及在草地和遊樂場一起玩遊戲。我認為如果這是一個有趣的地方，學生將能夠學習和看到許多新的東西，並有機會探索他們的創造力。

我也期待著我們的萬聖節活動。我將與學生一起裝飾教室，我們將一起做一些有趣的裝飾項目。我相信所有的學生都很興奮地挑選他們的服裝，來到學校，加入我們準備的許多不同的遊戲。我迫不及待地想看看所有學生的可愛服裝，並與他們一起度過一個愉快的萬聖節早晨。

在課堂上，我開始更多地關注讓孩子們說英語，因為他們現在在 K4，他們的詞彙量已經足夠，可以在他們的基本轉換中使用英語。當然，因為他們習慣在家裡說中文，而且這是他們的第一語言，這對他們起初可能有點困難，他們可能會忘記。我會提醒每個人，並鼓勵他們在其餘時間用英語說話。我希望你們也可以幫助他們在家裡提醒他們並鼓勵他們。

### Song and Dance

上個月我們學到了一些經典歌曲，每個人都非常喜歡它。他們和 Hokey Pokey 一起跳舞，並向 Hickory Dickory 碼頭鳴笛。到目前為止，每個人都享受著我們這學期的歌曲選擇。

本月我們將繼續學習一些經典兒童歌曲。每個人都會玩得開心學習 Itsy Bitsy Spider，我相信很多孩子之前已經聽過並且可能已經知道了。然後我們將繼續學習歌曲 My Umbrella，這是一首關於雨天的慢歌以及雨傘讓我們不會淋濕。

Week 1- Hokey Pokey  
Week 2 – Itsy Bitsy Spider  
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Week 4 – My Umbrella  
Week 5 – My Umbrella

#### Reading

這本學年的書非常適合學生的水平，並且不太難或太長。這些書有許多有趣的小主題，每個人都喜歡和談論。我一直在更多地關注閱讀，並且當我們一起閱讀這本書時，每個人都指出了這些詞語，因為在學期末我們參加閱讀比賽時，學生們非常熟悉每本書。我希望他們也可以在整個學期定期在家裡查看這些書。

本月的書非常適合我們將要舉辦的活動。我們甚至有一本關於萬聖節和服裝的書。我相信學生們會非常喜歡這樣。‘The dog Show’和‘So Many Houses’這些書教了許多新的形容詞，並描述了將要學習的詞彙。

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Week 5 – So Many Houses

#### Core Material/Phonics

在 Core Material 中，我們有許多有趣的主題，當我們有時間時，我甚至會選擇其他主題進行討論。上個月我們談到了學校。從我們在學校的班級和老師，到遵守規則以及它們對我們如何重要。這對每個人來說都是一個非常相關的話題，所以學生們很容易加入討論。這個月的話題將是“你住在哪裡/家裡”。我們將閱讀一個關於動物家的可愛故事，我將向學生們展示世界各地不同的家庭例子。

在 Phonics 中，我們完成了輔音評論，並將繼續使用短母音和更短的母音詞和拼寫。我們的 Phonics 書中還有幾頁，側重於一些簡單的視覺詞並在句子中使用它們

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#### Maths

上個月我們在數學課上取得了很多成績，甚至領先一步。我們將重點放在學習數字 6-10 上，並做了很多計數練習。我們已經開始更多地使用我們的 MPM 盒子，它對我們非常有用。

本月我們將繼續學習數字，除了工作手冊，我將教學生如何數到三十。我們將做很多項目，比如按顏色，項目等對對象進行排序。

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### Grammar/writing

我們這個學期的語法書更加先進，需要一段時間讓學生習慣和理解。但是，我們學到了很多新的有用的詞彙和句型。上個月我們重點關注學習何時使用 a / an 以及復數單詞，並在單詞的末尾添加“s”以使其複數。

本月我們將學習 they are/they aren't，何時在句子中使用它們。我們有很多課堂詞彙單詞，如鉛筆，書，橡皮擦，尺子等。這在課堂上非常有用，每個人都應該學習如何識別 sentences 中的這些單詞，這很重要。

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### Physical Education

學生們在體育課上一直很有樂趣，我很高興看到 Tr. Chalsey 和我每週為他們準備的東西。我們總是準備各種不同的遊戲和活動，即使在下雨天我們在 waiting room 裡做有趣的活動。上次下雨時，我們去了 waiting room 並組建了團隊。我們使用這些街區建造了一座“橋樑”，學生們必須共同努力，從房間的一側到另一側。這些活動也有助於每個人的團隊合作和社交技能，這也是一項重要的技能。我總是很高興看到他們喜歡我們為他們所準備的任何東西。

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