



Bear Class ESL Grade 3 and 4 January Newsletter

Welcome to the Bear Class ESL Grade 3 and 4 monthly newsletter for January.

The students continue to show a great willingness to learn and improve their English skills. They all have a great level of vocabulary so we can have interesting and fun conversations that sometimes go off topic but that is fine as long as the students are speaking English. We have a mixture of grades this semester so there is a difference in their ability levels but the Grade 3 students are very smart and try really hard so we do not notice a difference in the results or performance.

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.

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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.

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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.

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Keynote Presentation

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This concludes the monthly newsletter for January.

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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歡迎閱讀 1 月份的 Bear Class ESL 3-4 年級月報。

學生們繼續表現出很大的學習和提高英語能力的意願。他們都有很高的詞彙量，所以我們可以進行豐富又有趣的對話，雖然有時會偏離主題但只要學生願意多說英語就是一種很好的練習。這學習我們三四年級併班，所以他們的能力和程度有些許的差異，但三年級的學生非常聰明，並且非常努力，所以我們並沒有影響到他們的學習成果或表現的差異。

Core Material - Reading

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。

第 1-5 週

這個月我們將準備演講比賽和複習文法及閱讀主題故事。

Grammar

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。

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Composition

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騰一次在未來一週裡。

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以上是我們 1 月份的月報

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！

如果您有任何孩子的問題想與我討論，請隨時在聯絡簿中留言。

Until next time, see you soon.

Teacher Eamonn.