



Dinosaur Class Monthly Newsletter

April 2020

So far this month we have seen the world being touched by the Corona Virus in a way that shows what could have happened to Taiwan if the correct precautions were not taken. I'm sure we are all glad that we have not had the infection rates that China, the US, and Europe are currently suffering. Going into the next few months please do remain vigilant about washing hands, and staying hygienic as infections are unlikely to stop, and may yet spike up for us. This month will be about solidifying the gains made over the last month, with regards to the kids new writing skills and their vocabulary. We have now moved entirely to a pure English environment and it is beginning to get to the point that I do not have to tell any of the kids to 'speak English'. In fact, some of the kids (and parents) are telling me that the children are telling them to 'Speak English' when at home!

Reading

Reading is still going onwards and ever upwards. The kids can read, as a group, at a much faster pace than before which allows us to get more practice in that we would have in previous months.

April 6 – 10 Car Wash Kid

April 13 – 17 Work and Play

April 20 – 24 Water Everywhere

April 27 – 31 Need a Little Help

Phonics

Having finished our letters last month, this month is more focused on combining the letters to write simple 3 and 4 letter words.

April 6 – 10 P114-115: Letter Kk
April 13 – 17 P116-117: Letter Jj
April 20 – 24 P118-119: Letters Pp, Rr, Kk, Jj
April 27 – 1 P120-121: Letter Pp

Core Material

In our Core Materials classes, we will begin to explore concepts and ideas about the world around us. Things that your child may have noticed such as changing weather, seasons, and months of the year.

4/6-4/10- Unit 7 Week 2 Pet Pals (Letters G & W, Words: They/ Of)

4/13-4/17- Unit 7 Week 3 Animal Habitats (Letters V and X, Words: Said/ Want)

4/20-4/24- Unit 7 Review

4/27- 5/1- Unit 8 Week 1 On The Move (Letters J & Q, Words: Here/Me)

Conversation

Enforcing an 'English only' environment will hopefully result in our children's conversation skills improving dramatically. If you wish to help your child, when they speak to you in Mandarin, have them repeat what they said in English before replying. This may require a small amount of instruction by you to ensure they speak the correct words.

April 6 – 10 Unit 25 Adjectives

April 13 – 17 Unit 26 More Adjectives

April 20 – 24 Unit 27 My/ Your

April 27 – 1 Prepare for Drama Play

Math

This month our MPM books are reviewing the kid's ideas about objects and shapes that match, drawing them together with pencil lines. I have begun incorporating pencils into our MPM lessons instead of crayons whenever possible.

April 6 – 10 Counting Objects

April 13 – 17 Spatial Description

April 20 – 24 Set Theory

April 27 – 1 Review

Songs and Movement

Our songs are about to become more developed and complex as the kids English improves. The kids really seem to like our singing sessions and enjoy doing the hand gestures that we invent for the songs.

April 6 – 10 This is the way we take a bath

April 13 – 17 This is the way we take a bath

April 20 – 24 London Bridge

April 27 – 1 London Bridge

Thematic Activity

This month, our Thematic activity is on Easter, presenting it in a fun way for the kids to learn.



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到目前為止，我們看到世界各地被新冠病毒所影響，這代表著如果我們沒有採取正確的預防措施，台灣也可能面臨到同樣的情況。我相信我們都感到慶幸，台灣沒有如中國，美國和歐洲目前所遭受的感染率。接下來的幾個月中，請務必保持警惕，勤洗手，保持個人衛生，因為感染不太可能短時間內停止，而且可能會給我們帶來極大的影響。這個月將強化孩子們在上個月的所學習到的部分，也將關注在孩子們寫作技巧和單字量。現在，我們已經完全轉向純英語環境，而且進行到，我不需要告訴任何孩子’speak English’。實際上，一些孩子（和父母）告訴我，孩子們在家告訴他們說’speak English’！

Reading（閱讀）

我們的閱讀持續在向前進，並且向上提升。孩子們可以以團體方式跟著我一起閱讀，而且念的速度也比先前快上許多，這使我們可以進行更多次的練習。

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Phonics（自然發音）

上個月完成我們的字母後，這個月的重點是將著重在由 3-4 個字母組合而成的簡單單詞。

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Core Material（核心材料 / 主教材）

在我們的 Core Material 課程中，我們將開始探索我們周遭環境的概念與想法，您的孩子也許注意到的一些事物，像是天氣的變化、季節的轉變。

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Conversation

強制實行 'English only' 的環境將有助於孩子們的英語對話能力得到極大提高，如果您也希望幫助孩子一起學習，當他們跟您說中文的時候，在回應他們之前，請孩子們先跟著您用英文重複一次剛剛說的話，您可能需要少量指導，以確保他們說正確的單詞。

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Math (數學)

這個月的 MPM 為孩子複習關於物品和形狀的圖像配對，並運用鉛筆將它們畫線連在一起。我已經開始在我們的 MPM 課程中加入鉛筆的運用，漸漸地取代蠟筆的使用機會。

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Song and Movement (歌唱律動)

隨著孩子英語能力的提升，我們的歌曲也將變得更加完善和復雜。孩子們似乎真的很喜歡我們的歌唱時間，也很喜愛表演我們為歌曲發明的手勢動作。

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Thematic Activity (主題活動)

接下來這個月的主題活動將進行關於復活節，我們將以一個有趣的方式帶領孩子們學習。