



## **Koala Class Newsletter October 2020**

Welcome to the October newsletter.

I am pleased to say that all of the new students are doing fantastic! They have all settled into their new school routines and they are a well behaved class. I was a little worried at the start of the semester having eleven boys in one class might be challenging for the teachers, but I have been pleasantly surprised at how well they have learnt to follow the rules.

October will be a fun month for Koala Class because they will have the school Halloween party. I am looking forward to seeing the students in their costumes.

Let's take a look at what the class will be studying in October.

### Reading

The first few months will be helping the children settle into school. Eventually we will read the reading books several times every day. 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 and make sure they understand.

After reading together, individuals are chosen to read to the whole class so their pronunciation can be checked and corrected if necessary. Sometimes during outdoor play I will give extra reading practice and attention to those who need it.

Week 1 - *What Am I?*

Week 2 - *Who Am I?*

Week 3 - *Hats*

Week 4 - *I Can, We Can*

Core Material

The first few weeks will focus on helping the students settle. After, we will read the core material reading books. The core material books have some fun stories that use sentences that contain useful words the kids should know.

Week 1 - *Start Smart - Letters and some short stories*

Weeks 2-4 - Unit 1 - *I can see... / Can I...? / I can/can't. / We can...* and a short story about Sam the cat.

#### Phonics

The phonics book has many fun activities for the students. It teaches the kids letter recognition and the different sounds they make.

Week 1 - Things that begin with the letters *t* and *h*. Practice writing upper/lowercase *t* and *h*.

Week 2 - Things that begin with the letters *h* and *b*. Practice writing upper/lowercase *h* and *b*.

Week 3 - Things that begin with the letters *t* and *b*. Practice writing upper/lowercase *t* and *b*.

Week 4 - What letters do things begin with.

#### MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM math is great fun for the new students. It teaches the kids the basics of mathematics in fun and interesting ways. Their new MPM boxes are full of stuff to help them learn.

Week 1 - A3 P1-5 Concept of sets

Week 2 - P6-10 Concept of sets

Week 3 - P11-14 Distinguishing sizes

Week 4 - P15-18 Distinguishing sizes

#### Conversation

This is a chance for the students to practice speaking. It teaches them to ask and answer questions using full sentences to show off their speaking abilities.

Week 1 - Unit 6 - *He is.../She is...*

Week 2 - Unit 7 - *What is he?/What is she?*

Week 3 - Unit 8 - *I am.../I am not...*

Week 4 - Unit 9 - *You are.../Are you...?*

#### Gross / Fine Motor Skills

These books introduce the students to the alphabet. They contain activities such as colouring and stickers.

#### Song and Dance

We have song & dance classes in the mornings to create a group bond & promote confidence.

Song & dance is also a great way to wake the kids up in the mornings and get them ready & energised for the days lessons.

Week 1 - *Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*

Weeks 2 & 3 - *Polly and Paul play the Piano*

Week 4 - *Bus*

#### Courtesy / Healthy Habits / Safety

The students are taught the rules such as washing their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating, no running in school, no fighting, saying please and thank you etc.

It is important to explain from the start the way students are expected to behave and to explain that naughty behaviour will result in restricted playtime or rewards.

This activity is taught in the classroom and as a tour around the school and outdoor play.

#### Thematic Activities

Thematic studies are a series of lessons that focus on a country or festival.

Thematic studies are once per week and last for one month on the same subject.

Students will learn about other cultures, countries, and events from all over the world.

#### Library

Once a week the class will visit the library to read English reading books. This is a popular lesson with the kids because they love to listen to the teacher read them a good story.

The class will sit and listen to the teacher and enjoy looking at the pictures in the book as the story is read to them.

They also have the opportunity to borrow a book for the week to take home and read by themselves or with mommy & daddy.

That concludes the Koala Class monthly newsletter for October.

If you have any comments, concerns, or you just want to chat with me, feel free to write me a message in the English weekly communication books.

Thank you,

Teacher Rich



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### **October 2020**

歡迎來到 10 月的一封信。

我很高興地說，所有新生都表現出色！他們都適應了新的學校常規，他們是一個表現良好的班級。在學期開始時，我有點擔心，一個班上有 11 個男孩可能對老師構成挑戰，但我對他們學會如何遵守規則感到驚訝。

對於無尾熊班來說，十月將是一個有趣的月份，因為他們將參加學校的萬聖節派對。我期待看到孩子們的裝扮。

讓我們來看看十月份課程的內容。

#### Reading

前幾個月將幫助孩子們適應學校。然後我們每天都會讀幾次小書。關於閱讀時間，我非常嚴格。每個人都坐好，我們用手指著這些單字跟著念。

通常，孩子們會對故事和他們不懂的單字有疑問。我積極鼓勵他們詢問有關閱讀內容的問題，並確保他們理解。

一起閱讀後，會選一個孩子朗讀給全班同學聽，以便檢查並糾正他們的發音。在戶外遊戲時，我會幫需要加強的孩子額外的閱讀練習和關注。

Week 1 - What Am I?

Week 2 - Who Am I?

Week 3 - Hats

Week 4 - I Can, We Can

#### Core Material

前幾週將專注於幫助孩子穩定下來。之後，我們將閱讀 core material reading books。core material reading books 中有一些有趣的故事，這些故事所使用的句子裡有孩子應該知道的有用單詞。

Week 1 - Start Smart - Letters and some short stories

Weeks 2-4 - Unit 1 - I can see... / Can I...? / I can/can't. / We can... and a short story about Sam the cat.

#### Phonics

Phonics book 為孩子提供了許多有趣的活動。它教孩子們字母識別和他們不同的發音。

Week 1 - Things that begin with the letters t and h. Practice writing upper/lowercase t and h.

Week 2 - Things that begin with the letters h and b. Practice writing upper/lowercase h and b.

Week 3 - Things that begin with the letters t and b. Practice writing upper/lowercase t and b.

Week 4 - What letters do things begin with.

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM 數學對於新生來說非常有趣。它以好玩和有趣的方式教給孩子們數學基礎知識。MPM 寶盒裡有許多教具，可以幫助他們學習。

Week 1 - A3 P1-5 Numbers

Week 2 - P6-10 Numbers

Week 3 - P11-14 Sizes

Week 4 - P15-18 Sizes

Conversation

這是學生練習對話的機會。教他們用完整的句子來提問和回答問題，以展現他們的語言能力。

Week 1 - Unit 6 - He is.../She is...

Week 2 - Unit 7 - What is he?/What is she?

Week 3 - Unit 8 - I am.../I am not...

Week 4 - Unit 9 - You are.../Are you...?

Gross / Fine Motor Skills

這些書向孩子介紹字母。包含著色和貼紙之類的活動。

Song and Dance

我們每天早上有唱歌、跳舞的活動，建立班級的情感並增強自信心。

唱歌、跳舞是一種很好的方式，讓孩子一早提起精神，為早上的課程做好準備、充滿活力。

Week 1 - Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Weeks 2 & 3 - Polly and Paul play the Piano

Week 4 - Bus

Courtesy / Healthy Habits / Safety

教育孩子一些規則，例如：上完廁所要洗手、吃飯前要洗手、不在教室跑步、不打架、說請與謝謝等。

從一開始就跟孩子說我們期望孩子能做好的事情，並且說明頑皮的行為會導致遊戲時間、獎勵被限制，這一點很重要。

這些規則使用於教室、學校、戶外遊戲場。

Thematic Activities

Thematic studies 是一系列針對某個國家或節日的課程，每周進行一次，為期一個月。

孩子將了解世界各地的文化、國家、節慶活動。

Library

全班每週一次到圖書館閱讀英文書籍，這是孩子最喜歡的課程，因為他們喜歡聽老師說好聽的故事。

全班坐下來聽老師講故事，並且欣賞故事中的圖畫。

他們也可以每週借閱書籍回家，自己閱讀或跟爸爸媽媽一起閱讀。

以上是 10 月無尾熊班給家長的一封信。

如果您有任何意見、疑問，或者想與我聊聊天，可以在每週帶回的英文聯絡本留下訊息。

謝謝您。

Teacher Rich