



Bear Class ESL G3-4 December Newsletter

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

This month we continue our journey to become the best English students we can be. We had a great semester so far with the students showing great application and understanding of the material we looked at. We have a good group of students who mostly like to contribute and join in during class. We have a few quiet students who do not really speak a lot so I focus on encouraging them to speak loudly and clearly, and generally join in more.

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.

Week 1-3 Unit 3 Week 5 This unit is called "Value the Past" and looks at how each event in history is unique. The story is called "The Long Road to Oregon" and talks about when the pioneers in America moved across the country to find a better place to live. It looks at why they moved, how they travelled and their new life in Oregon.

Week 4 Review

Week 5 Prepare for Speech Contest

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.

Week 1-3 Unit 3 Week 5. This unit looks at joining two sentences with the same subject by combining the predicates by using *and*. Next, we looked at how verbs in combined-verb sentences must agree with their subject. For example, if you need to add -s, then both verbs must have -s. We also look at using a comma for day and year in a date, street addresses and locations and a colon after the greeting in a letter.

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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.

Week 1-5 An Argument With My Best Friend This topic talks about an argument with their best friend. What did you argue about and how long for? What did you do to make up and solve the problem? How did you feel about the argument?

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Keynote Presentations

The Keynote activity involves a different topic where the students research and create an interesting and informative presentation which involves questions or statements and information relating to the topic. The students can supplement the information with pictures and graphics to make it visually stimulating.

This concludes the monthly newsletter for December.

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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歡迎家長閱讀三四年級十二月月報。

這個月我們持續英文學習的旅程，希望孩子個個成為優秀的學生。到目前為止孩子們都展現了很好的應用、理解我們使用的教材。大部分的孩子在上課時都很踴躍參與；少部分較少發言的孩子，我會鼓勵他們大聲清晰的說話，並且上課多參與。

主題閱讀

我們每天都會上閱讀課。在閱讀時，我對孩子的要求較嚴格，他們要坐好、一起朗讀時手要指著字。

孩子們通常對於課文中的段落和單字會有不懂的地方。我非常鼓勵孩子們針對不了解的地方提問。

除了閱讀主教材外，我們也使用每週的單字表。這些單字都是出自於閱讀教材。剛看到新的單字，孩子們會不確定發音是否正確或單字的字義。因此，我們會一起念這些單字，並且解釋單字的意思。有時，我們也會透過 google 的功能在電視中撥放。我認為這是個不錯的工具，幫助孩子更容易理解。

第一-三週 第三單元 第五週 這個單元的主軸是「珍惜過去」，主要探討了歷史上每一個事件的獨特性。這篇閱讀文章“ The Long Road to Oregon”它表達美國的開拓者橫跨了整個國家，為了找到一個適宜人居的所在。我們將討論他們遷移的原因、他們如何遷移並開啟了在 Oregon 的新生活。

第四週 複習週

第五週 準備演講比賽

英文文法

我們大部分的時間主要是在閱讀上。然而，有一部分的课程是使用文法課本練習文法。

文法課中，我們會先討論文法的主題並給予一些例子。孩子們在完成練習後，老師會給予一些意見。

每次文法練習的長度各有不同。大部分都需完成一頁，一旦孩子完成後，他們可以繼續寫下一頁的練習。

第一~三週 第三單元第五週 這個單元我們學習兩個句子中有相同的主詞

時，可以使用 and 來連結兩個句子中的述語。接著，我們將學習句子中的動詞變化須和主詞一致。例如，若句中的動詞加 s，則兩個述語中的動詞都須加上 s。另外，逗號可運用於年份日期、街道地址、位址，寫信時則將冒號放在稱謂語後。

第四週 複習週

第五週 準備演講比賽

英文寫作

在寫作課，孩子們擁有絕好的機會創作文章。雖然這堂課的時間較短，一星期一堂課，卻有機會可以思考並在寫作上發會創意。

寫作的主題像是「長大後我想做的事」。我們會先做腦力激盪、討論寫作的方向。在初稿完成後，老師會批改並交還給孩子，下週將訂正錯誤、再寫一次訂正後的文章。

第一-三週 和好朋友間的爭論 這個主題是關於和好朋友間的爭論。你們在爭論什麼？這件事持續了多久？之後你們是如何和好並解決問題？你對於這個爭論有什麼樣的感受？

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主題簡報

這堂課包含了多元的主題，孩子們需要製作有趣又具有知識內涵的簡報內容。簡報中可以包含和主題相關的問題句、直述句和資訊。透過圖片、數據圖表孩子們也讓簡報內容更加豐富，增加了視覺的效果。

以上是十二月份小熊班的月報。

若各位家長有事想與我討論，都歡迎您再連絡簿中留下您的意見和想法。

下回見！

Teacher Eamonn.