

## **Elephant Class Newsletter January 2021**

Dear Parents,

I would like to start by wishing you all a happy new year. I hope you all have a great year and are your wishes come true. We will have a busy start to the year, as the students will take part in their first reading contest. I am very much looking forward to Chinese New Year, which is just around the corner as it will give myself and the students a deserved break.

### Reading

This month we will be preparing the students for their reading contest. On top of this we will be reading two new books one at the start and one at the end of the month.

1/4 – 1/8 The Haircut

1/11 – 1/15 Prepare for reading contest.

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1/25 – 1/29 Boots

### Phonics

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1/4-1/8: P82,83 – Letter Gg

1/11-1/15: P85,86 Letter Ww

1/18-1/22: P87,88 – Letter Nn, Gg, Ww

1/25-1/29: P89,90 – Letter Nn

#### Core Material

This month we will finish Unit 3 and Unit 4. These books help improve the students vocabulary as well as aiding their reading and phonics skills. The students thoroughly enjoy using these books, and the pictures used help to illustrate the meaning of the vocabulary.

1/4-1/8 Can I Pat it?

1/11-1/15: Tim and Nan, Let's Go!

1/18-1/22: We Go to See Nan

1/25-1/29: Can we go?

#### Math

We will continue to work through our MPM book this month. The students seem to enjoy it, especially the pages where they can use stickers.

1/4 – 1/8 A5: P06-10: Non-directional path tracing

1/11 – 1/15 A5: P11-14: Missing number finding exercises

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1/25 – 1/29 A5: P15-18: Spatial concept

#### Conversation Class

We will start the month by completing Unit 16, then we will have a review week. The third week of the month will be used to prepare the students for their reading contest. The final week of the month we will complete unit 17.

1/4 – 1/8 Unit 16: It is/ They are

1/11 – 1/15 Review

1/18 – 1/22 Prepare for reading contest.

1/25 – 1/29 Unit 17: You are/ We are/ Are they?

#### Physical Education

During our physical education lessons we will play various games and do many exercises. The students thoroughly enjoy this class as it gives them an opportunity to run and use up all their energy.

Furthermore, it helps the students improve their end eye coordination.

#### Song and Dance

We will continue with our song and dance classes in the morning. This is the most popular lesson for elephant class. It allows the student to wake up in the morning, it also improve their vocabulary, and

the students enjoy learning new songs. This month we will spend a lot of this class practicing the songs for the play. Jan 2-4: P82,83 – Letter Gg

1/4-1/8: High Five

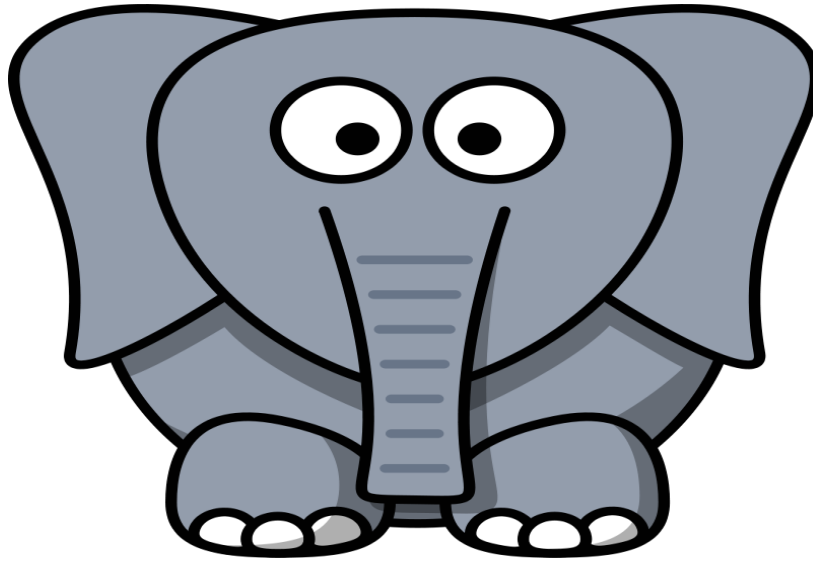
1/11-1/15: High Five

1/18-1/22 Listen and Move

1/25-1/29: Listen and Move

#### Library/Storybook

Each week the children get the opportunity to borrow a book to take home and read by themselves. Recently I have been choosing a fun and interesting story to read to the class. I take my time to explain concepts and any morals from the story. It's lovely to see all of them listening to the stories and taking an interest! They really get involved with the stories and I believe it's good for their listening and their imagination!



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親愛的家長您好：

首先，我想先祝大家新年快樂，希望大家度過愉快的一年，並祝您夢想成真。孩子們即將迎來他們的第一次閱讀比賽，所以今年年初我們也依然充實。我非常期待農曆新年，因為我相信它將給我自己和學生們滿滿的祝福。

### Reading

這個月我們將為閱讀比賽做準備，最重要的是，我們也將閱讀兩本新書，一本在月初，一本在月底。以下為本月課程進度表：

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#### Core Material

本月我們將完成第 3 單元和第 4 單元的學習。這些教材書有助於提高學生的詞彙量，並幫助他們增進閱讀和語音技能。學生們非常喜歡使用這些書，我們也會一起討論書中的故事，圖片也有助於說明詞彙的含義。

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#### Math

我們將在本月繼續完成 MPM 教材。學生們似乎很喜歡它，尤其是他們可以使用貼紙的小書完成題目，以下為本月課程進度表：

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#### Conversation Class

我們將從第 16 單元開始的月份開始，然後我們將有一個複習週。本月的第三週將為學生的閱讀比賽做準備。而本月的最後一周，我們將完成單元 17。以下為本月課程進度表：

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#### Physical Education

在我們的體育課上，我們將玩各種遊戲並做許多練習。學生們非常喜歡這堂課，因為這使他們有機會跑動並耗盡所有精力。此外，它還可以幫助學生改善手眼的協調性。

#### Song and Dance

我們將早晨繼續我們的歌舞課，這是大象班最受歡迎的課程。它使學生可以在早晨醒來，還可以提高詞彙量，並且學生可以學習新歌。這個月，我們將在課堂上花很多時間練習歌曲。

1/4:-1/8 High Five

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1/18-1/22: Listen and Move

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### 圖書室故事時間

每週孩子們都有機會借一本書回家自己閱讀，最近我選了一些好玩有趣的故事書在課堂裡讀給他們聽，我花了些時間從故事書中解釋道德的概念，很高興看到他們都聽故事並引起興趣！他們真的參與了這些故事，我相信這對他們的傾聽和想像力都有好處！