



## **Koala Class Newsletter**

### **April 2021**

Welcome to the April newsletter.

April will be a great month for Koala class. The class have been busy making Easter related things in preparation for the school Easter activities. The class had fun making a huge papier-mâché Easter egg. We also made some Easter bunny hats. The Easter activities will be held on the April 1 and it should be great fun!

Towards the end of April the class will begin to practice for their next drama play.

Let's take a look at what Koala class will be studying in April.

#### Reading

The class reads 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 - Work and Play

Week 2 - Water Everywhere

Week 3 - Car Wash Kid

Week 4 - Old Mo

#### Core Material

Weeks 1-4 - Unit 6 - Words that begin and end with the letters b, l, and k. Words to know including is, little, she, and was. Short stories Is It Hot?, Kim and Nan, Mack and Ben.

Weeks 1-3 - Unit 7 - Short stories A Pup and a Cub, I hug Gus, A Vet in a Van. Words that begin with or contain the letters u, g, w, v, and x.

Week 4 - Unit 8 - Short story Dad Got a Job and words that begin with or contain the letters j and q.

#### 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 - Words that begin with the letter k.

Week 2 - Words that begin with the letter j.

Week 3 - Words that begin with the letter j and selecting the letter the pictures begin with.

Week 4 - Words that end with p and words that start with the kw (qu) sound e.g. queen, question etc.

#### 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 - counting objects and matching quantities to numerals. Practice drawing straight lines.

Week 2 - Spatial concepts: Inside and Outside. Shape matching. Practice drawing straight lines.

Week 3 - Spatial concept: Left and Right. Shape matching. Practice drawing straight lines.

Week 4 - Basic concepts of sets. Counting exercises. Practice drawing circles.

#### 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 25 - What are adjectives?

Week 2 - Unit 26 - More adjectives.

Week 3 - Unit 27 - My/Your/ What's your name?

Week 4 - Prepare for drama play.

#### 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.

Weeks 1 & 2 - This Is the Way We Take a Bath

Weeks 3 & 4 - London Bridge

#### 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 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 April.

As always, 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.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Thank you,

Teacher Rich



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歡迎來到 4 月的一封信。

4 月將是無尾熊班美好的月份。班上忙著準備復活節相關的事情，為學校的復活節活動做準備。全班一起製作一個巨大的紙製復活節彩蛋很好玩。我們還做了復活節兔子帽子。復活節活動將於 4 月 1 日舉行，這活動應該非常有趣！

在 4 月底，無尾熊班將開始準備下一場戲劇表演練習。

以下是 4 月課程的學習內容。

#### Reading

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。

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#### 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。

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#### MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM 數學對於孩子來說非常有趣。它以好玩和有趣的方式教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。

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#### Conversation

這是孩子練習對話的機會。教他們用完整的句子來提問和回答問題，以展現他們的口說能力。

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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。

Weeks 1 & 2 - This Is the Way We Take a Bath

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#### 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 4 月無尾熊班給家長的一封信。

與往常一樣，如果您有任何意見、疑問，或者您想和我聊天，請隨時在每週外師聯絡本中寫上訊息。

期待很快再見到你們。

謝謝您

Teacher Rich