



## K4 Koala Class Newsletter December 2021

Welcome to the December monthly newsletter for Koala Class.

November was a busy month for Koala Class because we were busy practicing for the drama play. December will also be a busy month as the class prepares for the school Christmas show. The students will practice some song and dance routines. Koala Class will also learn many Christmas songs and we will decorate our classroom with Christmas decorations.

Let's take a look at what Koala Class will be studying in the month of December.

### 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 - Hot, Hot, Hot!

Week 2 - Shadows

Week 3 - Please Sit Still

Week 4 - Prepare for reading contest

### Core Material

Weeks 1-4 - Unit 1 week 3 - *Special Friends* - sentences that use *be, good, come, pull / I-blends e.g. flap, slips, flag, glass / A Pig for Cliff* - a short story about two friends that uses high frequency words learnt previously and some I-blends.

### 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 - p85-89 Fill in the blanks exercises for *short o / short i* words.

Week 2 - p90-93 Fill in the blanks exercises for *short o / short i* words. Words that rhyme.

Week 3 - p95-101 Short vowel words review exercises. Short vowel sentences.

Week 4 - p103-106 Short vowel exercise for short *a, i, and o* words.

### **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 - Multi-direction ordinal sorting exercises. Shape and colour matching. Practice drawing straight lines.

Week 2 - Function corresponding exercises. Shape and colour matching. Counting exercises. Non-directional path tracing.

Week 3 - Procedural path tracing exercises. Shape and colour matching. Straight-line drawing exercises.

Week 4 - Spatial concept above, below, left and right. Colour and shape matching. Circle drawing exercises.

### **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 - Adjectives review. Possessive adjectives e.g. I/my, he/his, she/her, they/their.

Week 2 - Correcting mistakes in sentences. Sentences that use *his, her, their*.

Week 3 - Demonstrative pronouns *This is/These are/That is/Those are*.

Week 4 - Demonstrative pronouns fill in the blank sentences.

### **Song and Dance**

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

Weeks 1-3 - *We've Got the Whole World in our Hands*

Week4 - *Friends*

### **Thematic Activities**

Thematic studies are a series of lessons that focus on a specific topic, for example countries, festivals, and special events.

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

For the month of December one of the foreign teachers will prepare a series of activities on the subject of Christmas.

### **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 December.

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.

Merry Christmas!  
Teacher Rich



## K4 Koala Class December Newsletter

歡迎來到無尾熊班 12 月給家長的一封信。

11 月是無尾熊班一個忙碌的月份，因為我們都在練習戲劇表演，12 月也將是忙碌的一個月，班級正在為學校聖誕晚會表演做準備，孩子們將練習一些歌曲和舞蹈，無尾熊班還會學習很多聖誕歌曲，用聖誕裝飾品佈置教室。

一起來看看無尾熊班 12 月會學習什麼吧。

### Reading

我們每天閱讀小書數次，在閱讀時間，我會嚴格請每位孩子都坐好，用手指著單字跟著一起唸出來。

通常孩子們會對故事及單字有不懂的地方，我會鼓勵他們提出問題，並且確認他們是否理解。

一起閱讀後，會請孩子個別朗讀給全班同學聽，在必要時能確認並糾正發音，有時在戶外遊戲時間，我會幫需要加強的孩子，額外練習閱讀及其需要加強的地方。

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### Core Material

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### Phonics

這個教材為孩子提供了許多有趣的活動，教孩子們認識字母和不同的發音。

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## **MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)**

MPM 數學對孩子來說相當有趣，用有趣的方式教孩子們數學的基本知識，MPM 寶盒有許多教具，可以幫助他們學習。

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## **Conversation**

這是孩子練習口語能力的機會，教會孩子用完整的句子來提問和回答問題，展現他們的口語能力。

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## **Song and Dance**

我們早上有唱歌、跳舞的活動，建立班級的情感並增強自信心。

Weeks 1-3 - *We've Got the Whole World in our Hands*

Week4 - *Friends*

## **Thematic Activities**

是一系列專注於特定主題的課程，例如國家、節慶和特別事件。

每週進行一次，針對同一主題持續一個月。

12 月將由外師準備關於聖誕節的主題活動。

## **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。

以上是無尾熊班 12 月給家長的一封信。

和往常一樣，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。

期待很快再見到你們。

聖誕節快樂  
Teacher Rich