



Hippo Class Newsletter

December 2021

Dear parents,

After an exciting month of November, which concluded with a fantastic performance in the drama show we can all be proud of. We start a month of December full of new material and fun activities. We are approaching a month in which we will resume learning at the pace we were learning before the drama show; we will mainly focus on improving our efficiency learning and working on bookwork as a class. I hope the drama show has taught some discipline and concentration skills to the kids in the class. We will also have the annual Christmas Celebration, where we learn and celebrate Christmas together.

Thank you,
Teacher Alan

Reading

In our class, we put a lot of emphasis on our reading skills. We believe it's an important skill to develop early in order to develop other fundamental skills. This month we are reading four books that vary in length, content, and difficulty. They are all interesting books that should do a great job at engaging students and piquing their interests. I believe reading is quite interesting and the class enjoys it.

Week 1: "Shadows"

Week 2: "Hot, Hot, Hot!"

Week 3: "Is Anybody Home?"

Week 4: "Please Sit Still"

Core Material

In this part of the class, we start with a topic, which we expand with new vocabulary and knowledge that kids enjoy. We start by finding out what they already know about the topic, followed by learning new vocabulary, and conclude with a reading activity that does a great job at teaching kids more about the topic. This month we will go back to using the Workshop and Anthology books. These books will expand their vocabulary and understanding of the world around them with the interesting Topic units present.

Week 1: Unit 1 Week 3 Workshop.

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Math

I'm encouraged to teach math with our material, MPM books, and boxes. These are great tools for kids to explore math as an interactive subject. This month, we will focus on addition using items, and coloring activities. We mostly use a set number to start adding from a set number to aid their conception of the idea of addition and accounting.

Week 1: Teacher's Guide pg.27-28, A Trip of Discovery pg.15-16, workbook C4 pg.6-10

Week 2: Teacher's Guide pg.29-30, A Trip of Discovery pg.15-16, workbook C4 pg.11-15

Week 3: Teacher's Guide pg.31-32, A Trip of Discovery pg.17-18, workbook C4 pg.16-20

Week 4: Teacher's Guide pg.33-34, A Trip of Discovery pg.17-18, workbook C5 pg.1-5

Grammar

Our grammar section of the class is crucial to building proper sentences and vocabulary from an early stage. It, not only, teaches them to think and speak in a correct manner; but it also covers writing properly and with proper rules. This month we will expand on yes or no questions, while also transforming them into questions about verbs using the verb to do (do/does) as opposed to the verb to be (am/is/are).

Week 1: pg 38-39 + WB pg 19

Week 2: pg 40-41 + WB pg 20

Week 3: pg 42-43 + WB pg 21

Week 4: pg 44-45 + WB pg 22

Phonics

We are currently working on writing and pronouncing letters. This month we will focus on writing neatly and working on our hand-eye coordination. Hand-eye coordination is an underestimated aspect of a child's growth and development, and it is something that will show results down the road. During the month of December, we will work on short vowel sounds /a/ /e/ and /i/

Week 1: pg. 90-93

Week 2: pg. 95-96, 99, 101

Week 3: pg. 103-106

Week 4: pg. 108-111

Handwriting

Our handwriting part of the class is quite new to kids, but we are working on the repetition aspect of it to improve it. We will continue to use tracing and repetition techniques, in order to build muscle memory when writing these letters. This month we will continue to work on individual letters and words we use frequently, also known as sight words.

Physical Education

Physical education provides kids with the opportunity to discharge their excess energy, improve motor skills and build social skills. Kids enjoy this time as it clears the mind from the classroom activities we do the rest of the day, as well as allowing them to focus better on other activities we do in the classroom later on. This month, we are resuming our original activities as much as restrictions allow.

Thematic Activity

Each month a different foreign teacher is assigned to plan and arrange activities of a chosen theme. This can be different things, from small art projects, short field trips near the school, or a demonstration in the classroom! This month's theme will be Christmas, we will learn new words and concepts about this holiday that is celebrated worldwide.

Song and Dance

Singing and dancing are great ways to settle down in the morning with a cheerful activity; not only that, but it also serves as a fantastic way to develop other skills. These other skills include memory, pronunciation, and many more. During the month of December, we will be learning "We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands", and "Friends."

Library/Storybook

A few times a week, the students choose a book from a selection hand-picked by me. These books are read in a relaxed and stress-free environment where we all enjoy listening to the teacher or others read out loud to others, this method encourages students to be more curious about these books and to develop a passion for reading.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter, and feel encouraged by the accomplishments of the previous month and the expectations of this one. I am also looking forward to updating you with your respective children's progress.

I hope you found this newsletter informative,
Teacher Alan



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親愛的家長們

充實的十一月就隨著我們精彩的戲劇表演結束了，相信大家對於孩子們的表現感到滿意和驕傲，迎接十二的到來，我們恢復平日上課，專注於課程的學習進度，並且希望孩子們在這次的戲劇表演中有所獲得，例如如何遵守紀律和專注的技巧上。另外我們也規劃了十二月份，有關

聖誕節的主題活動。相信孩子們會很喜歡，並且將在十二月十七日舉辦聖誕晚會，屆時歡迎大家共襄盛舉。

以下是十二月的課程學習規劃~~~

閱讀課程

在課堂上，我們非常注重閱讀的技巧。我們相信，閱讀是學習的基礎，盡早培養孩子的閱讀習慣，並從閱讀的技能學到更多的知識也是我們的目標。

本月，我們將閱讀四本書，書本在長度，內容和難度上各不相同。但都是有趣的書，將會很吸引孩子們和能激發他們的各方面興趣。相信閱讀的過程會是有興趣的，所有的孩子們都會喜歡。

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主教材課程

此課程進行的方式，將是從討論一個主題開始著手，我們用孩子們喜歡的新詞彙和知識來擴展主題。在與孩子們的對話和討論中，了解孩子們的認知能力，並建構新的概念和學習新的詞彙，最後在統整活動一起閱讀故事。本月我們回到中班的核心教材，從書本中的內容和主題做討論學習。

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MPM 課程

在數學方面，不論在 MPM 的練習本或教具盒，這些都是孩子們探索數學作為互動主題的絕佳工具。本月，我們將學習到加法和計數的技巧，並利用集合的概念來判斷分類圖片和顏色，並加入加法和計數運用。

Week 1: Workbook C4 pgs. 6-10

Week 2: workbook C4 pgs. 11-15

Week 3: workbook C4 pgs. 16-20

Week 4: workbook C5 pgs. 1-5

Grammar 課程

在文法課程方面，對於從早期階段構建正確的句子和詞彙至關重要。它不僅教會孩子以正確的方式思考和說話，更能正確寫作，這個月，我們將從回答問題"YES"或"NO"的問題和語句開始，並附上動詞。使用動詞來做（do/do）而不是動詞（am/is/are）。

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發音課程

我們目前正在練習書寫和發音有關的字母。這個月，我們將專注於正確的把發音相關的第一個字母寫出，我認為這時孩子們的手眼協調能力很重要，成熟的手眼協調能力，它將在未來展示成果。在 12 月份，我們將練習短母音/a/ /e/和/i/

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Handwriting 練習本

書寫對於班上部份的孩子來說還是需要多加練習，我們正在努力協助孩子。運用重複性的練習，以便在寫這些字母時建立肌肉記憶。本月，我們將繼續練習常使用的字母和常見字...我們稱這些常見字為 **sight words**.

體能課程

體能課提供了孩子們釋放過度能量、提高運動技能和建立社交技能的機會。孩子們喜歡這堂課，它可以消耗我們多餘的熱能並更專注於其他活動及學習。

主題活動

每個月，都會指派一位外師來規劃和安排選定主題的活動。這可能會有不同的呈現方式，也許是一個美勞活動，或是到學校附近的戶外教學，或在教室裡展示！本月的主題將是聖誕節，我們將學習有關這個慶祝節日的新詞彙和如何慶祝。

歌曲律動

唱歌跳舞是早晨愉快地安頓下來的好方法：不僅如此，它也是發展其他技能的絕妙方式。這些其他技能包括記憶、發音等等。

在 12 月，我們將學習“**We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands**”, and “**Friends**.”

圖書借閱/故事時間

每個星期，孩子們從我精心挑選的書中，挑選一本書借閱。這些書讀起來輕鬆 無壓力，故事時間可以沈浸在老師說故事的情境中，這種方法鼓勵孩子們對書本更加好奇，並且培養閱讀的熱情。

希望大家喜歡十二月的教學計劃規劃，並且對這個月的計劃感到期待。另外我很樂意在連絡本中看到家長給我的回饋，分享孩子們的大小事，我很感謝班上所有家長對我的支持。

感謝您，耐心的詳閱，

Teacher Alan.