

Dolphin Class Newsletter

December 2021

Dear parents,

We are very delighted with the way November went and all the efforts the children put into our drama show. So many students already are showing a natural ability for being on stage and with every drama show it is not only a fun experience but it raises the levels of confidence in our students. On the academic side, students are recognising most letters of the alphabet now and can also give me a lot of words starting with these letters, which shows a big stride in their vocabulary since earlier months.

This month we have all the fun of the fair with Xmas fast approaching and yet another big show! We will be decorating the classrooms again and getting into the festive spirit with Xmas songs and many other themed activities. And if the children are good, we may even get a visit from Santa! Let's go December!

Many thanks,
Teacher Sam

Reading

Reading class is something we take a lot of pride in here at Marshall and we always aim by the end of the first year and certainly at the end of the second year to have a class of independent readers with a full grasp of phonics and the pronunciation of words. This class is also great for building up their vocabulary which in turn benefits their conversation skills. I find this class feeds the student's imagination, inspires children to read stories in their own time and usually by the 3rd year they are wanting to write their own stories! As reading is a personal favourite pass time for me, I take a lot of care bringing out the best possible results for the children in this subject and I hope you will all see a steady improvement in your child's ability.

December 6th – December 10th: Apples

December 13th – December 17th: Is it time?

December 20th – December 24th: Where do insects live?

December 27th – December 30th: Noisy breakfast

Core Material

This class is an all-encompassing lesson for the children's reading, grammar and phonics skills. In these classes children are asked to analyse stories, practice vowel sounds and use a selection of keywords for sentence making and grammar. This year we are using a series of

small books ideal for young learners and offer a good friendly layout that have proven to be effective for our students!

December 6th – December 10th: Unit 3

December 13th – December 17th: Unit 3

December 20th – December 24th: Unit 3

December 27th – December 30th: Unit 3

Math

We are using the MPM books and boxes for our maths class. They really have a unique and interesting way of delivering common mathematical concepts to the children often by using animals, colours and objects that children associate with fun and games! This month we will focus on...

December 6th – December 10th: A4: P06 – 10: Functions

December 13th – December 17th: A4: P11 – 14: Properties

December 20th – December 24th: A4: P15 – 18: Counting

December 27th – December 30th: A5: P01 – 05: Paths

Conversation

The conversation book we are using this year is the Oxford Up and Away Book 1 and this has been a long-standing favourite here at Marshall as it has proved over the years to give a solid foundation in the children's grammar and gets them into the habit of forming good sentences. Students will become used to asking and answering questions which demand a certain type of reply e.g. 'Can you ___?', 'Yes I can/No I can't' or 'Do you like ___?', 'Yes I do/No I don't'. This nature of conversation provides great scope for classroom games and role play activities and is actually one of the most fun classes for the students and teacher.

December 6th – December 10th: Unit 12: Classroom commands

December 13th – December 17th: Unit 13: May I?

December 20th – December 24th: Unit 14: Singular nouns

December 27th – December 30th: Unit 15: Plural nouns

Phonics

In our phonics class we are using the Sadlier Phonics book which is a great colourful book with an easy layout for the children to practice their alphabet sounds. This will build a great foundation for the students as they improve their reading and pronunciation. In the future it will also give students the ability to sound out new words they haven't seen before!

December 6th – December 10th: P71, 72

December 13th – December 17th: P73, 74

December 20th – December 24th: P75, 76

December 27th – December 30th: P77, 78

Thematic Activity

Each month a different foreign teacher is assigned to plan and arrange activities of a given theme. This can be anything from small art projects, short field trips near the school or even a party in the classroom! The themes are often related to different festivals around the world so it really helps them to understand different cultures.

December 6th – December 10th: Christmas

December 13th – December 17th: Christmas

December 20th – December 24th: Christmas

December 27th – December 30th: Christmas

Song and Dance

This is a great opportunity for myself and the students to bond and enjoy some songs together. In addition to the scheduled songs, I will be teaching the children further songs from the Disney catalogue, musicals or any songs I find that are good for children!

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December 27th – December 30th: Old MacDonald

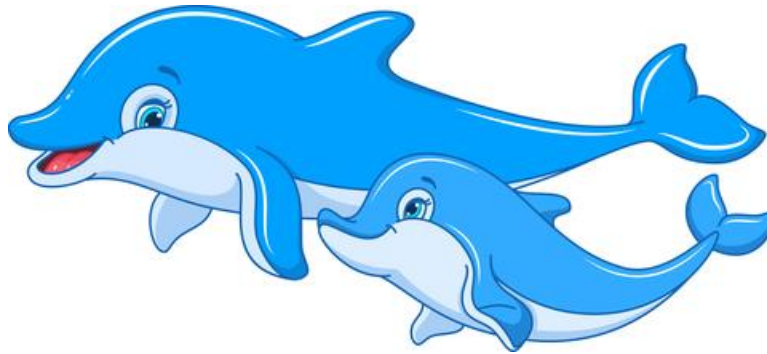
Library/Storybook

Each week the children and myself visit the library for story time and to exchange books. It's lovely to see all of them listening to the stories and taking an interest! They really get involved with the stories and it's good for their listening and imagination!

I hope this has been an insightful newsletter for you all,

Thank you for reading!

Best wishes, Tr. Sam



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親愛的家長,

我們對孩子們在十一月中的進步以及戲劇表演中所付出的所有努力感到非常高興。如此多的學生已經在舞台上展現出天生的舞台魅力，每場戲劇表演不僅是一種有趣的體驗，而且還提高了我們學生的自信心。在學習方面，學生現在可以認得大多數字母，也可以給我很多以這些字母開頭的單字，由此可見他們的詞彙量自前幾個月以來有了很大的進步。

這個月，隨著聖誕節的到來，將會再有一場盛大的演出，請一起期待歡樂的聖誕晚會！隨著耶誕節的教室佈置及聖誕歌曲的教學和許多其他主題活動將會越來越有節日氣氛。如果孩子們有好的表現，聖誕老人會來送禮物給很棒的孩子喔！一起邁入歡樂的十二月！請見以下為 12 月課程內容。

誠摯祝福您

Teacher Sam

閱讀 Reading

閱讀課程是瑪歇爾引以為傲的一個部分，在第一年我們設立目標，通常隨著他們在發音基礎大量的累積進步，在第二年結束時，孩子能成為獨立的閱讀者便能夠讀出書本上的字彙。閱讀課抑能累積單字量，使得他們的英語對話能力更加提升；也豐富了孩子的想像力，激發孩子想要用自己的時間去閱讀，通常在第三年，他們會想要去寫出自己的故事呢！由於閱讀是個人喜愛消磨時光的方式，我努力讓孩子喜愛閱讀，期待您也能見到孩子閱讀能力穩定的進步。

12月6日 - 12月10日：Apples 蘋果

12月13日 - 12月17日：Is it time? 時間到了嗎？

12月20日 - 12月24日：Where do insects live? 昆蟲生活在哪裡？

12月27日 - 12月30日：Noisy breakfast 嘈雜的早餐

核心教材 Core Material

此課程包含了閱讀、文法、發音技巧，課程中會請孩子分析故事內容，練習母音發音，用所選定的字彙去練習造句及文法。今年所使用的系列小書非常適合年輕的學習者，版面設計也非常友善，經證明有益於中班孩子學習！

12月6日 - 12月10日：單元三

12月13日 - 12月17日：單元三

12月20日 - 12月24日：單元三

12月27日 - 12月30日：單元三

數學 Math

我們在數學課上使用 MPM 書籍和教材。運用獨特而有趣的方式，以相關聯的動物、顏色和物體，在樂趣和遊戲中向孩子們傳遞常見的數學概念！這個月我們會專注於：

12月6日 - 12月10日：A4：P06 - 10：功能

12月13日 - 12月17日：A4：P11 - 14：屬性

12月20日 - 12月24日：A4：P15 - 18：計數

12月27日 - 12月30日：A5：P01 - 05：路徑

英語對話 Conversation

我們今年使用的對話課本是 Oxford Up and Away Book 1，這是瑪歇爾長期以來的最愛，因為多年來證明它為孩子們的語法奠定了穩固的基礎，並讓他們熟悉運用好的句型。學生將習慣於提問和回答需要的基本句型如：'Can you ___?', 'Yes I can/ No I can't' or 'Do you like ___?', 'Yes I do/No I don't'. 這種對話性質為課堂遊戲和角色扮演活動提供了寬廣的教學空間，是學生和老師最樂在其中的課程之一。

12月6日 - 12月10日：第 12 單元：課堂指令

12月13日 - 12月17日：單元 13：我可以嗎？

12月20日 - 12月24日：第 14 單元：單數名詞

12月27日 - 12月30日：第 15 單元：複數名詞

發音 Phonics

發音學我們使用 Sadlier Phonics book，這本教材色彩豐富、排版簡單，能練習字母的發音，將為學生在閱讀和發音奠定良好的基礎。將來，Phonics 還將使學生能夠使用發音規則念出他們從未見過的新單詞！

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主題活動 Thematic Activity

每個月由一位外師輪流設計活動及規劃。有美勞勞作、鄰近學校的戶外教學甚至在教室舉行派對! 主題活動也常常連結到節慶活動，或在活動中認識到不同國家的特色文化。

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12月27日 - 12月30日：Christmas

音樂及舞蹈 Song and Dance

這是我和孩子們共同享受音樂的絕佳機會，除了課程中的歌曲也將會增加一些更多從迪士尼經典、音樂劇或任何我所找到適合孩子的歌。

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圖書館時間及繪本 Library/Storybook

每周我們將會到圖書館選書，讓孩子交換不同的繪本，看到孩子們喜歡聽故事並樂在其中是很棒的! 他們很融入故事中，相信對他們的聽力及想像力都非常有幫助。

期待本月的課程簡介讓您更了解我們的規劃，感謝您的撥冗閱讀

Best wishes
Tr. Sam