



K4 Koala Class Newsletter January 2022

Welcome to the January monthly newsletter for Koala Class.

December was a busy month for Koala class. The students were very excited to celebrate Christmas. They all really enjoyed making Christmas decorations and rehearsing for the Christmas Show.

January will be another busy month for Koala class. We will practice for the reading contest. Eight books have been chosen for the class to practice. The students will have a chance to show off their reading abilities. Each student will have one of the eight books chosen at random for them to read for approximately one minute per student. Then the judges will give each student a score and the winners will be announced at the end.

Let's take a look at what else Koala class will be studying in the month of January.

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 - Prepare for the reading contest

Week 2 - Is Anybody Home?

Week 3 - Inu Duck's Toy

Week 4 - I Can Do It All

Core Material

January - UNIT 1 Week 3 Anthology

I Live Here - The text explains the similarities and differences between living in the city and in the countryside.

Flip - This is a short story about a pet dinosaur called Flip and the adventures he gets up to at school.

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 - p108-111 Exercises that teach about short u.

Week 2 - p112-116 Exercises that teach about short vowel words.

Week 3 - p119-123 Multiple choice fill in the blank exercises. Short u words in poems.

Week 4 - p126,129 Exercises that teach about short e.

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 - Book 5 p6-10 - Spatial concept: Inside and outside. Shape and colour matching. Partition counting exercises.

Week 2 - Prepare for reading contest.

Week 3 - p11-14 - Partition counting exercises. Spatial concept: Plane relative position. Straight-line drawing exercises.

Week 4 - p15-18 - Spatial concept: Plane relative position. Shape and colour matching. Partition counting exercises. Combination and separation of numbers. Spatial concept: Quadrant relative position. Reverse thinking exercises. Straight-line 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 - Singular/plural. Demonstrative pronouns e.g. This/That/These/Those.

Week 2 - Demonstrative pronouns - Complete the dialogue.

Week 3 - Grammar test/ Review

Week 4 - Demonstrative pronouns - Complete the story.

Song and Dance

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

Weeks 1 & 2 - *Friends*

Weeks 3 & 4 - *Yellow Submarine*

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 January Teacher Simon will prepare a series of activities on the subject of Chinese New Year.

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 January.

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.
Teacher Rich



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歡迎來到無尾熊班1月給家長的一封信。

12月是無尾熊班一個忙碌的月份，孩子們非常興奮地慶祝聖誕節，他們都很喜歡製作聖誕裝飾品和聖誕表演排練。1月又是無尾熊班一個忙碌的月份，我們將練習朗讀比賽，選擇了8本小書讓孩子練習，孩子將有機會展現他們的閱讀能力，每位孩子將從這8本小書中隨機抽選1本，朗讀時間約為1分鐘，然後由評審幫他們評分，最後公布獲勝者。

一起來看看無尾熊班1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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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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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。

1月將由Teacher Simon準備關於新年的主題活動。

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1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。

Teacher Rich