

Penguin Class Newsletter July 2022

Dear parents,

Wow, I cannot believe that I am writing the last K3 newsletter for Penguin Class. This year has gone by so quickly and I have noticed so much change and development since August. We are lucky to have a very well behaved and motivated class who are interested in learning English and show a desire to improve everyday. As their English has improved, they have become very curious and are always asking questions. This is important and beneficial for their English, but also for their life skills and development as they grow from 'babies' into young children. We have had a difficult few months due to coronavirus which as disrupted our learning, but they have dealt with this with a lot of maturity for such young children.

I am really looking forward to seeing where their development takes them next and guiding them on their journey.

Hopefully their progress continues and they will develop into great English speakers.

Please see below a detailed schedule for July and please feel free to ask myself or Tr. Athena any questions.

Best wishes,

Teacher Eamonn

Reading

Reading class is something we take a lot of pride in here at Marshall. We aim 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. 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.

July 4-8: What Comes in a Shell?

July 11-15: Swing, Swing, Swing

July 18-22: A Tree Can Be...

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.

Unit 10 looks at phonics: Long u, e sounds and reviewing vowel sounds. The 'Words to Know' are who, good, come, does. Review help, too, play, has, where, look, who, good, come, does.

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Conversation

Conversation is an integral aspect of life at Marshall. We teach this formally in class but also at every moment when the English Teacher is present. We try to encourage speaking English from the moment they start and all through lunchtime, playtime and as they go about their daily lives. The conversation starts with simple questions such as what's your name and develops as their English develops. I love talking with the children and watching their skills grow and seeing their personalities shine through.

July 4-8: Unit 31 Verbs. Let's _____!

July 11-15: Unit 32 Simple Present: have/has, More verbs

July 18-22: Catch Up & Review

Phonics

This semester we will increase our focus on phonics to aid their reading development to add to their pre-existing knowledge and of sightwords. This is the basis of reading so is very important as their vocabulary increases and difficulty level advances. We use a combination of workbook exercises and whiteboard activities and combine it with spelling.

July 4-8: P134, 137 Review and assessment of beginning sounds.

July 11-15: P138, 144 Assessment of beginning sounds. Blending short /a/ sounds- bag, can, map

July 18-22: P145, 146 Short /a/ sounds say and write.

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...

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July 18-22: B4:P15-18. Enhance the basic concept of set theory by shape, feature and colour reciting.

Physical Education

This is important for all everyone. In our busy lives we all often forget to exercise and I am a strong believer in "Healthy Body/Healthy Mind" so is vital for our younger generation to get lots of exercise and fresh air. Not only does it benefit our bodies but also our social skills such as teamwork, competition and fair play. I have started to include team activities to promote teamwork, encouragement and understanding consequences if you don't try hard for your team. Gross motor skills can aid with our fine motor skills too so I try to include activities such as relay races, follow the leader and co-ordination tasks which are fun and engaging.

Song and Dance

This is a great opportunity for myself and the students to bond and enjoy some songs together. Singing and dancing not only teaches new words and tunes but also aids listening and Gross/Fine Motor skills as dancing involves learning movements so requires good co-ordination. These songs and dances are often included in our Drama Plays so are an important aspect of Marshall school life.

July 4-8: The More We Get To Together.

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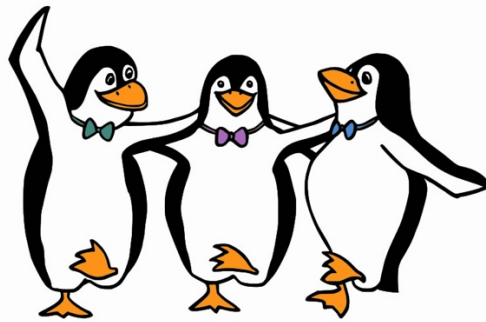
Thematic Activity

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 while having fun at the same time. July's activities will revolve around thematic activities for summer. These are always fun and exciting for the children.

Library/Storybook

Each week the children get the opportunity to borrow a book to take home and read by themselves. Recently I have been choosing a fun and interesting story to read to the class. I take my time to explain concepts and any morals from the story. It's lovely to see all of them listening to the stories and taking an interest! They really get involved with the stories and I believe it's good for their listening and their imagination!

I hope this has been an insightful newsletter for you all,
Thank you for reading!
Best wishes, Tr. Eamonn



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親愛的家長您好：

哇，不敢相信我正在為企鵝班寫這學期最後一份小班的訊息。今年過得好快。自八月以來，我注意到了許多孩子們的變化及發展。我們很幸運有一個表現良好，積極進取的班級，他們在學習英語方面很勤奮，並表現出每天想要進步的渴望。隨著英語水準的提高，他們變得非常好奇，總是在問問題。這對他們的英語很重要，也對他們的生活技能和發展有益，因為他們的英語能力從“嬰兒”成長為幼兒階段。由於新冠肺炎，我們度過了艱難的幾個月，這擾亂了我們的學習，不過對於這些年幼的孩子來說，他們已經做得非常好了

！我真的很期待看到他們的英語發展能將他們帶到哪裡，並指導他們英語學習的旅程。

請參考以下 7 月份的行事曆，如有任何疑問歡迎詢問 Tr. Athena 或我。

Reading

閱讀課在馬歇爾是引以為傲的一門課，我們的目標是讓孩子成為小讀者，掌握發音和拼音來自行閱讀，這門課也是很好的機會讓孩子能夠累積單字量及促進對話技巧。我發現閱讀課可

以激發孩子的想像力及促使他們在自己的時間進行閱讀。閱讀是我個人很享受的消遣時光，因此我會盡可能地促使孩子在這個項目有好的表現，希望你能夠看到孩子穩定的成長。

7月4日至7月8日：What Comes in a Shell?

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Core Material

這是包含閱讀、文法和發音技能的全方位課程。在這些課程中，孩子們被要求學習分析故事、練習母音，並使用一系列關鍵字來練習完整句子及文法。這一年我們會評估孩子的拼念和概念理解。這是一種無壓力的情況，透過讓孩子練習“填空”或“選擇正確的單字”來進行評估。我會鼓勵孩子自己做，而不是大聲說出答案，這樣每個孩子都有機會獨自完成。我們會複習並測試關鍵詞的拼念。

Unit 10 著重在長母音“u” “e” 並複習母音的發音。who, good, come, does 這幾的字孩子應該要很熟悉了；並複習 help, too, play, has, where, look, who, good, come, does 這些關鍵字。

7月4日至7月22日：Unit 10

Conversation

在馬歇爾，生活會話是不可或缺的一部分，在課堂上我們會正式的進行教學，並且在英語老師在的時時刻刻都會進行教學，我們鼓勵孩子在上學的期間說英文，在午餐時間、遊戲時間...在日常生活練習說英文。生活會話開始於簡單的問題，像是你叫什麼名字？並隨著他們的英文能力發展而發展，我喜歡看著孩子成長並樂見孩子展現他們的個人特質。

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Phonics

這學期我們將重視發音，以幫助孩子們的閱讀發展，以增加他們已有的知識和關鍵字。這是非常重要的閱讀基礎，因此隨著他們詞彙量的增加，難度也會逐漸提高，這一點非常重要。我們藉由簿本練習和白板活動，並將發音與拚念結合起來。

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Math

我們採用 MPM 教材及簿本進行數學教學，MPM 教材真的有一種獨特而有趣的方式，讓孩子們透過有趣的方式和遊戲相關聯的動物、顏色和物體讓孩子們學習基礎的數學概念！本月我們將專注於.....

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Physical Education

這對每個人都很重要。在忙碌的生活中，我們經常忘記鍛煉，而我堅信“健康的身體/健康的心靈”，因此對我們的年輕一代進行大量鍛煉和呼吸新鮮空氣至關重要。運動不僅有益於我

們的身體，還有益於我們的社交技能，例如團隊合作、競爭和公平競爭。我已經開始用團隊活動來促進孩子學習團隊合作，並在過程給予鼓勵，以及教導孩子理解如果不遵守團體規範會造成的後果。大肢體運動技能也有助於我們的精細運動技能，所以我嘗試用接力賽、跟隨領導者和合作任務等有趣的活動讓孩子參與。

Song and Dance

這對我和學生來說是很好的機會，可以一起欣賞、享受歌曲。唱歌和跳舞不僅可以教授單字和曲調，還有助於聽力和大肌肉運動技能，因為舞蹈涉及學習動作，因此需要良好的協調。這些歌曲和舞蹈通常包含在我們的戲劇表演中，這也是馬歇爾學校生活的一個重要部分。

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Thematic Activity

每個月不同的英文老師會計劃並安排特定的主題活動。可以是小型的美術創作、學校附近的短途實地考察，甚至是教室裡的派對！這些主題通常與世界各地的不同節日有關，因此這些活動有助於孩子們在享受樂趣的同時可以了解不同的文化。7月的活動將圍繞著夏季的主題活動展開。這對孩子們來說總是有趣和令人興奮的。

Library/Storybook

每個禮拜孩子都有機會借一本故事書回家並進行閱讀，最近我選擇了一本有趣的故事和孩子分享，並花時間解釋故事中的觀念。很高興看到孩子們仔細聆聽故事及非常感興趣的樣子。孩子們非常投入故事當中，而我相信這是一個非常好的時光並且有助於孩子們的聽力及想像力！

感謝你的閱讀，希望這封信能使你更清楚的了解課程

Best wishes, Tr. Eamonn