



Koala Class Newsletter February/March 2023

Welcome to the Koala Class monthly newsletter for February and March.

In February we will have a chance to discuss the progress of your child at the school parents evening. This is a great opportunity to answer any questions, discuss concerns, or just a general conversation about what the class will be learning this semester.

In March we will have the school sports day. Teacher Chocolate and his team will organise a fun day full of activities for the kids and parents to participate in together.

Here is a detailed look at what Koala Class will be learning in the coming months...

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.

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Week 2 - Smarty Sara

Week 3 - My New Boy

Week 4 - Peanut

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Week 2 - The Teeny Tiny Woman

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Week 4 - The 100th Day of School

Week 5 - Pete's Big Lunch

Core Material

February

Weeks 1-2 - Nate the Snake is Late

Weeks 3-4 - On my Way to School

March

Week 1 - Catch-up and Review

Weeks 2-3 - Time to Plant

Weeks 4-5 - The Big Yuca Plant

Phonics

The phonics book has many fun activities for the students. It teaches the kids letter recognition and the different sounds they make.

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Week 1 - Silent letters / initial digraphs

Week 2 - Final digraphs

Week 3 - Review / r- controlled vowels

Week 4 - r- controlled vowels

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Weeks 2-3 - Review Exercises

Week 4 - Vowel digraphs ea and oo

Week 5 - Vowel digraphs au and aw

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.

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Week 2 - Counting exercises 11-30. Missing number exercises. Counting in 10s.

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Week 4 - Spatial concept: Quadrant relative position. Straight-line drawing exercises.

March

Week 1 - Catch-up and Review

Week 2 - Spatial concept: Topology. Learning to tell time in analogue format.

Week 3 - Spatial concept: Topology. Learning to tell time in analogue and digital formats.

Week 4 - Learning about grids. Grid coordinates and how to find and place objects on a simple grid.

Week 5 - Patterns and ordinal number sorting exercises.

Conversation / Grammar

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.

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Week 2 - Exercises that teach about have/has or don't/doesn't.

Weeks 3-5 - Write about Lucy's schedule using have/has/does/doesn't. Adverbs e.g. slowly, quietly, happily.

Writing - Write Now!

The writing book has many fill in the blank exercises for the students to complete. It also provides them with the opportunity to practicing writing unique activities such as writing a personal profile and describing their families.

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Week 5 - Describing people and a wanted poster for Wolfie the Wolf.

Song and Dance

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

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Weeks 1-4 - The Planets of Our Solar System

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Weeks 1-4 - Dancing Queen

Week 5 - Somewhere Out There

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.

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 February and March.

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 2 月、3 月給家長的一封信。

2 月我們將有機會於親師座談會討論您孩子的進步，這是一個很好的機會回答問題、討論疑慮，或是就本學期班級學習內容進行分享。

3 月我們將舉辦學校運動會，巧克力老師和他的團隊會讓孩子有充滿歡樂活動的一天。以下是無尾熊班這幾個月的詳細學習內容。

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/ Grammar

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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寫字本有許多填空題讓孩子完成，還為他們提供了練習寫作獨特活動的機會，例如撰寫個人資料與描述他們的家庭。

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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。

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 2 月、3 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