



## **Dolphin Class Newsletter July 2023**

Dear parents,

As we say goodbye to June the children are all excited about the final leg of their journey this year as we wrap things up and head towards K5! The final year of kindy is a lot of fun because we are all at a level where we can converse about almost anything in English and therefore the conversations get a lot more interesting. Already I am hearing a lot more students come up to me and talk about their weekends which is great and also funny to exchange stories with them! This month we will be looking at all things to do with summer in our thematic activities and bringing ourselves up to date with all the book work. We hope you have a great month too and we look forward to seeing everyone when we return in August!

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.

July 3rd – July 8th: Red Hen's Garden  
July 11th – July 15th: Rabbit to the Rescue  
July 18th – July 22nd: Meet the Big Cats  
July 24th: Review

### **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 K4 students!

July 3rd – July 8th: Unit 1 week 5 Anthology: Let's Move  
July 11th – July 15th: Unit 1 week 5 Anthology: Let's Move  
July 18th – July 22nd: Unit 1 week 5 Anthology: Let's Move  
July 24th: Review

### **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...

July 3rd – July 8th: D5: P01 – 06: Coordinates

July 11th – July 15th: D5: P07 – 12: Functions

July 18th – July 22nd: D5: P13 – 18: Paths

July 24th: Review

### **Phonics**

In our phonics class we are using the Sadlier Phonics A book which is a great colourful book with an easy layout for the children to practice their alphabet sounds. The students have already done an amazing job in reading phonetically and sounding out small words but this class will give everyone a chance to practice old and new sounds while also reinforcing some essential material.

July 3rd – July 8th: P236 – 238: Long and short 'e'

July 11th – July 15th: P241, 243, 245: long 'e'

July 18th – July 22nd: P248 – 250: final 'y' sound/ 'ar' sound

July 24th: D

### **Conversation**

The conversation book we are using this year is the Space grammar book. Unlike the first year where we mostly used speaking to exercise our conversation skills, this year we will be putting pen to paper and solving grammatical puzzles to really help the students learn the difference between good and poor sentence structures. We will of course continue to practice our daily speaking on top of this book too through games and fun activities!

July 3rd – July 8th: P80 - 81

July 11th – July 15th: P82 - 83

July 18th – July 22nd: P84 - 85

July 24th: Review

### **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.

### **Writing**

In this class we exercise our reading comprehension skills in preparation for reading comprehension tests in K5. We read small stories and answer questions about it. This class is without saying a good opportunity for students to improve their handwriting too!

July 3rd – July 8th: P65 - 68

July 11th – July 15th: P69 - 72

July 18th – July 22nd: P73 - 76

July 24th: Review

### **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!

July 3rd – July 8th: Rock a bye Baby

July 11th – July 15th: Rock a bye Baby

July 18th – July 22nd: Thanks a lot

July 24th: Thanks a lot

### **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 their imagination!

Thank you for reading!

Best wishes,

Tr. Sam