



Dolphin Class Newsletter November 2023

Dear parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we dive into the new month, I wanted to take a moment to outline what your children will be learning in each subject throughout the next month. Our goal is to ensure a well-rounded and enriching educational experience for your little ones.

Warmest regards,
Teacher Julie

Reading

Reading class is of utmost importance to us 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 understanding 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.

November 6 – November 10th: Just a Little Love

November 13th – November 17th Catch up and Review

November 20th – November 24th: Just a Teacher's Pet

November 27st – December 1st Me Too!

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 K5 students!

November 6 – November 10th: Drama Prep

November 13th – November 17th Drama Prep

November 20th – November 24th: Unit 2-4 Workshop

November 27st – December 1st Unit 2-4 Workshop

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...

November 6 – November 10th: Drama Prep
November 13th – November 17th Drama Prep
November 20th – November 24th: E3 17-18 E4 1-4
November 27st – December 1st Me E4 5-8 AOTD 7-8

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.

November 6 – Drama Prep
November 13th – Drama Prep
November 20th – 70, 71, 72
November 27st -77, 78, 79

Conversation

The conversation book we are using this year is the Space grammar book. This year we will be doing more independent writing 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!

November 6 – Drama Prep
November 13th – Drama Prep
November 20th – 54-57
November 27st – 58-61

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 the next semesters. We read small stories and answer questions about it. This class is without saying a good opportunity for students to improve their handwriting too!

November 6 – Drama Prep
November 13th – Drama Prep
November 20th – 30-31
November 27st – 32-33

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!

November 6 – Drama Prep

November 13th – Drama Prep

November 20th – A Goat in A Boat

November 27st – A Goat in A Boat

Library/Storybook

Each week the children and I 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. Julie