

Elephant Class Newsletter August & September 2024

Dear parents,

Welcome to the Elephant class monthly newsletter for the beginning of K4. Here you will find information on our upcoming schedule, classes and material for the month. I hope you find the information useful and I look forward very much to meeting with you all at the end of the month.

Spelling

This year the class will begin having a basic spelling class twice a week to introduce some common words that have the same sound. It would be great if the students could practice these at home and reinforce what they have learned in class. The first class started with 'an' and added letters to produce cat, fat, bat, sat and more.

Reading

Our reading class has a new book each week for the students to enjoy. The books are full of fun and colourful pictures to keep the students engaged. We have the students sitting in a semi-circle, finger on the book, following the words and repeating together after the teacher. Once the students are familiar with the routine and process, we will start having the students reading one at a time as well as group reading. It would be very beneficial to have the children practice their reading by listening to the recordings and following their books to continue building on word recognition and the rhythms of the texts.

August:

Week 1: Biscuit

Week 2: Too Many Dogs

Week 3: Biscuit and the Baby

Week 4: Dragon Egg

September:

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Week 2: Bake, Mice, Bake!

Week 3: Biscuit Goes to School

Week 4: Go Away, Dog

Week 5: Biscuit Finds a Friend

Core Material

For core material class, the students are learning the foundation and necessities of English for the appropriate level through interesting stories and activities. The new series of Wonders books offers a variety of real situations to read and talk about.

August:

Week 1: Smart Start P8-13

Week 2: Unit 1 P20-35 – Shared read; Jack Can

Week 3: Unit 1 P36-39 – Shared read; Jack Can

Week 4: Unit 1 P40-41 – Shared read; Jack Can

September:

Week 1: Unit 1 P42-43 – Anchor text; Nat and Sam

Week 2: Unit 1 P47-49 – Anchor text; Nat and Sam

Week 3: Unit 1 P50-52 – Paired selection; Rules of School

Week 4: Unit 1 P53-55 – Paired selection; Rules of School

Week 5: Unit 1 P56-69 – Shared read; Six Kids

Math

Our math class involves many different topics, covering a wide range of activities. This can range from simple number / colour recognition, to problem solving and patterns.

August:

Week 1: C1: P01-04

Week 2: C1: P05-08

Week 3: C1: P09-12

Week 4: C1: P13-16

September:

Week 1: C1: P17-18 / C2: P01-02

Week 2: C2: P03-06

Week 3: C2: P07-10

Week 4: C2: P11-14

Week 5: C2: P15-18

Grammar

The book for this class, The Grammar Space, may take a while for the kids to get used to. It introduces a lot of the basic grammar points and includes a lot of written exercises. The book will be very difficult for the kids at first, especially since they have just started to learn to write. However, their skill will surely improve quickly throughout the semester as they become accustomed to the book.

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Week 1: P06-07

Week 2: P08-09

Week 3: P10-11

Week 4: P12-13

September:

Week 1: P14-15

Week 2: P16-17

Week 3: P18-19

Week 4: P20-21

Week 5: P22-23

Phonics

Phonics class has the students using the Sadler phonics books, which has many fun and colourful activities to engage and complete by the students. This book will encompass many different aspects from vowels, syllables, picture recognition, and eventually phonics sounds and uses.

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Week 2: P10-12

Week 3: P13-15

Week 4: P16-18
September:
Week 1: P19-21
Week 2: P22-24
Week 3: P25-27
Week 4: P28-30
Week 5: P31-33

Writing

The writing class uses an exercise book designed to give the students practice for handwriting skills. This time will be used to show the children how to hold pencils appropriately and how to form letters in the correct manner.

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Week 5: P32-34

Thematic Activity

Thematic class is a fun and exciting class that changes in theme and topic each month, generally following significant times or events of the calendar. The students will be making, colouring, gluing, and cutting many different projects in the class and to take home to families. The theme for this month is Summer and the theme for the month of September is Autumn.

Song and Dance

Song and Dance is the first class we do most days, beginning the day with high energy for lots of movement and fun. The students have a vast array of songs to learn through the curriculum as well as appropriate songs to be chosen by teacher (children's action songs, nursery rhymes etc)

August:

Week 1: Say Hello
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Week 3: Down by the River
Week 4: Down by the River

September:

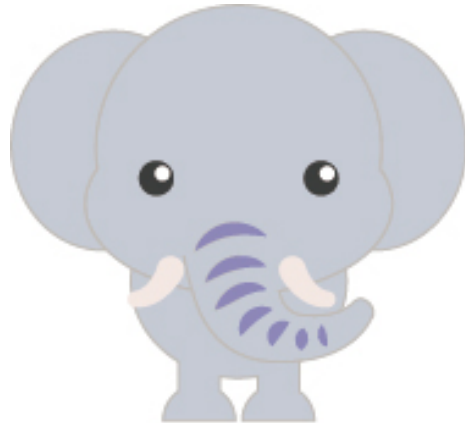
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Week 4: Hokey Pokey
Week 5: Itsy Bitsy Spider

Library/Storybook

Once a week we will go to the library where I will read to the students, having a discussion for appreciation and some comprehension questions. There will also be a selection of books for them to choose and can be taken to the classroom to read.

I hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter and please do keep in touch with any questions, comments or concerns in the communication book.
Thank you for reading!

Many thanks,
Tr. Greg



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Dear parents,

歡迎來到 K4 大象班的月度通訊。這裡可以看到有關我們即將到來的時間表、課程和本月學習材料的信息。我希望您覺得這些信息有用，非常期待在本月底與大家見面。

Spelling

今年開始每週有兩次基礎拼字課，介紹一些發音相同的常見單詞。希望孩子們能在家裡練習並加強他們在課堂上學到的內容。第一節課開始以「an」為基礎，並添加字母來生成 cat、fat、bat、坐 sat 等詞彙。

Reading

我們的閱讀課每週都有一本新書給孩子們。這些書充滿了有趣和色彩繽紛的圖片，以保持孩子的興趣。我們讓孩子們坐成半圓形，手指放在書上，跟隨文字並跟著老師一起重複。一旦孩子們熟悉了這個流程和程序，我們將開始讓孩子們逐個朗讀以及集體朗讀。讓孩子們通過聽錄音並跟著書本練習閱讀，對於繼續建立單詞識別和文本節奏的能力非常有幫助。

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Core Material

在核心教材課上，孩子們通過有趣的故事和活動學習適合他們水平的英語基礎和必要知識。新的 Wonders 系列書籍提供了各種真實情境供孩子們閱讀和討論。

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Math

我們的數學課涉及許多不同的主題，涵蓋廣泛的活動範圍。這些活動包括從簡單的數字/顏色識別到問題解決和模式識別。

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Grammar

這堂課的教材 **Grammar Space** 可能需要一段時間讓孩子們習慣。它介紹了許多基礎語法，並包含大量的書面練習。這本書對孩子們來說一開始會非常困難，尤其是他們剛剛開始學習書寫。然而，隨著他們逐漸適應這本書，他們的能力肯定會在這個學期內迅速提升。

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Phonics

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Writing

寫作課使用一本練習冊讓孩子們練習手寫技能。老師會指導孩子們如何正確握筆以及如何正確地書寫字母。

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Thematic Activity

主題課程是一個有趣且令人興奮的課堂，每個月根據不同的主題和話題進行變化。孩子們會在課堂上進行製作、上色、粘貼和剪裁各種不同的項目，並帶回家與家人分享。本月的主題是海，而九月份的主題是秋天。

Song and Dance

歌舞是我們大多數日子裡的第一堂課，以高能量開始一天，充滿大量的活動和樂趣。孩子們除了學習學校安排的歌曲以外，老師也會另外選擇小朋友喜歡並合適的歌（如兒童動作歌曲、童謠等）。

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Library/Storybook

我們每週會去一次圖書館，讓孩子們朗讀書籍，並進行討論以提高欣賞能力和回答一些理解問題。我也會提供一系列書籍供他們選擇，可以帶回教室閱讀。

我希望您喜歡本月的通訊，請隨時通過通訊簿與我們保持聯繫，提出任何問題、意見或擔憂。感謝您的閱讀！

Many thanks,
Tr. Greg