

## **Elephant Class Newsletter May 2025**

Dear parents,

Welcome to the Elephant class monthly newsletter for the months of May in 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 reading your comments in the communication books.

### **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 class is now going to progress into writing the spelling words in sentences and I have included them in the weekly newsletter so that they are easily seen for practice.

### **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 at home to continue building on word recognition and the rhythms of the texts.

Week 1: prepare for drama play

Week 2: prepare for drama play

Week 3: Maxie Wiz and the Magic Charm

Week 4: Storybots – Wheels on the Road

### **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.

Week 1: prepare for drama play

Week 2: prepare for drama play

Week 3: P156 - 169 – shared read ; Move and Grin

Week 4: P170 -173 – shared read ; Move and Grin

### **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.

Week 1: D3 ; P09-12

Week 2: D3 ; P13-16

Week 3: D3 ; P17-18 / D4 ; P01-02

Week 4: D4 ; P03-06

### **Grammar**

For our conversation class, the students are learning high frequency words with picture recognition of common animals and items through our book. We will also introduce some basic grammar and concepts that reflect English usage in the real world.

Week 1: prepare for drama play

Week 2: prepare for drama play

Week 3: P70-71

Week 4: P72-73

### **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.

Week 1: prepare for drama play

Week 2: prepare for drama play

Week 3: P162, 163, 164, 167 ; long vowel a

Week 4: P171, 172, 174, 175 ; long vowels a and e

### **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.

Week 1: prepare for drama play

Week 2: prepare for drama play

Week 3: P48-52

Week 4: P53-56

### **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, folding and cutting many different projects in the class and to take home to families.

The theme for the month of May is Japan.

### **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)

Week 1: drama play song practice

Week 2: drama play song practice

Week 3: It's a Small World

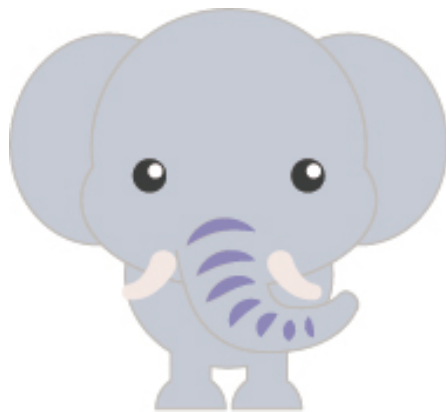
Week 4: It's a Small World

### **Library/Storybook**

Once a week we will go to the library where the students will have the opportunity to access the many and varied books in the library. 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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親愛的家長您好：

歡迎閱讀本月的大象班電子報。這份電子報將為您介紹 K4 班 5 月份的課程安排、學習內容與活動，希望您能從中獲得有用的資訊，也期待您在聯絡簿中留下寶貴的意見與回饋。

### **Spelling**

今年，我們每週會有兩次基礎拼字課，讓學生學習一些發音相同的常見單字。若能在家裡也一起練習，將能加強課堂學習效果。接下來，我們將會開始讓學生把拼字單字寫進句子裡，我已將每週的單字列在這份電子報中，方便大家回家練習。

### **Reading**

我們每週會有一本新的閱讀書，書中充滿趣味且色彩豐富的插圖，能有效吸引孩子的注意。我們會讓學生圍坐成半圓形，每人將手指放在書上，跟著老師一起朗讀。等孩子們熟悉這個流程之後，我們也會讓他們輪流個別朗讀以及進行團體朗讀。若能在家聽錄音並搭配書本閱讀，將有助於提升孩子們的單字辨識能力以及語感。

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Week 3: Maxie Wiz and the Magic Charm

Week 4: Storybots – Wheels on the Road

### **Core Material**

在主教材課中，學生會透過有趣的故事與活動學習英文的基礎知識與實用句型。新版本的 Wonders 系列課本提供了許多真實生活的情境，讓學生能夠閱讀並討論。

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### **Math**

數學課內容豐富，涵蓋範圍廣泛，從基本的數字／顏色辨識，到問題解決與圖形規律等都有。

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### **Grammar**

會話課中，學生會透過圖片學習常見動物與物品的高頻字彙，同時也會接觸一些基礎文法與語法觀念，幫助他們在日常生活中使用英文。

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Week 3: P70-71

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### **Phonics**

自然發音課使用 Sadler 系列教材，內容設計豐富且富有趣味，讓學生能從母音、音節、圖片辨識，一步步學會發音與拼讀。

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### **Writing**

寫字課會使用練習本，幫助學生練習正確的握筆姿勢與書寫方式，提升筆順與字母書寫技巧。

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### **Thematic Activity**

主題課每月會依照節慶或重要時節設計有趣的藝術創作活動，包含著色、黏貼、折紙、剪紙等，讓學生在動手做中提升手眼協調能力。

五月的主題是日本。

### **Song and Dance**

我們幾乎每天的第一堂課都是歌曲與律動，讓學生一早就有充足的活動與歡樂時光。除了課程中的歌曲外，老師也會挑選適合的兒童律動歌與童謠。

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Week 4: It's a Small World

### **Library/Storybook**

我們每週會去一次圖書館，讓孩子們自由挑選各式各樣的英文繪本，並可帶回教室閱讀。

希望您喜歡本月份的電子報，如有任何問題、建議或疑慮，請務必在聯絡簿中與我們保持聯繫。謝謝您的閱讀！

Many thanks,  
Tr. Greg