

Elephant Class Newsletter April, 2025

Dear parents,

Welcome to the Elephant class monthly newsletter for the months of February – March 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: School Day!

Week 2: I Love My Teacher!

Week 3: Maxie Wiz and Her Dragon

Week 4: Prepare for Drama Play

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: P149-151 – paired selection ; There Are Days and There Are Days

Week 2: P149-151 – paired selection ; There Are Days and There Are Days

Week 3: Prepare for Drama Play

Week 4: Prepare for Drama Play

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 ; P01-04

Week 2: D3 ; P05-08

Week 3: Prepare for Drama Play

Week 4: Prepare for Drama Play

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: P62-62

Week 2: P64-65

Week 3: P66-67

Week 4: P68-69

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: P143-146 ; reviewing high frequency words

Week 2: P149, 150, 156, 157 ; long vowel a

Week 3: P158-161 ; long vowel a

Week 4: Prepare for Drama Play

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: P37-40

Week 2: P41-44

Week 3: P45-48

Week 4: Prepare for Drama Play

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 the month of April is Spring and Easter.

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: A Sailor Went to Sea

Week 2: A Sailor Went to Sea

Week 3: A Sailor Went to Sea

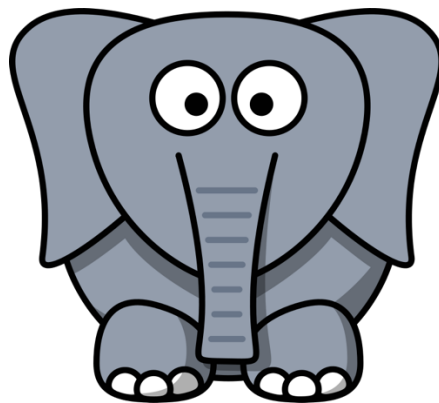
Week 4: Drama Play Song Practice

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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Dear parents,
親愛的家長您好：

歡迎閱讀 **Elephant Class Monthly Newsletter**，以下是有關我們課程安排、學習內容及學習材料的重要資訊。希望這份信件對您有所幫助，也期待在聯絡本中看到您的留言與回饋。

Spelling

這學期我們將每週安排 **basic spelling lessons**，幫助孩子們學習發音相似的常見單字。若能在家一起練習，將有助於加強孩子們的課堂學習。我們也會開始練習 **writing spelling words in sentences**，相關單字會在每週的英文聯絡簿中提供，方便在家練習。

Reading

每週我們會閱讀一本全新的繪本，書中包含豐富有趣的故事及圖片，讓孩子們在閱讀中保持高度興趣。在閱讀小書之前，我們會要求孩子們會坐好，手指指著書上的單字，跟著老師一起朗讀。當學生熟悉這個流程後，我們會開始練習個人與團體的朗讀。請家長鼓勵孩子在家聆聽錄音檔，配合繪本練習，幫助孩子建立單字認讀能力與語感。

Week 1: School Day!

Week 2: I Love My Teacher!

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Week 4: Prepare for Drama Play

Core Material

在這門課中，孩子們透過有趣的故事與活動，建立基礎英文能力。我們使用 **Wonders** 系列教材，內容涵蓋多種與生活息息相關的議題，適合孩子們閱讀與討論。

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Math

數學課內容豐富，從基本的數字與顏色認識，到圖案規律的練習，幫助孩子全方位發展數學思維。

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Week 2: D3 ; P05-08

Week 3: Prepare for Drama Play

Week 4: Prepare for Drama Play

Grammar

在會話課中，孩子們會學習高頻率單字，並透過圖片認識常見動物與物品。我們也會加入一些基礎的文法概念，幫助孩子了解英文在日常生活中的運用。

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Week 4: P68-69

Phonics

我們使用 **Sadler Phonics** 書籍，透過多樣化、有趣又色彩豐富的活動，學習母音、音節、圖片辨識與 phonics sounds 等內容。

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Writing

寫作課著重於字母書寫與筆順練習，教導孩子正確握筆方式，並練習清晰整齊地書寫字母。

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Thematic Activity

這堂課讓學生透過手作活動探索每月主題，內容包含剪貼、著色與黏貼等，完成的作品也會帶回家與家人分享。本月的創作主題是墨西哥與復活節

Song and Dance

每天的第一堂課就是這門充滿活力的課程，透過有活力的歌曲和孩子們一起唱跳或是英文經典歌曲等歌曲，讓孩子們愉快地開始新的一天。

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Week 4: Drama Play Song Practice

Library/Storybook

每週我們會到圖書館，讓孩子們自由選擇各類書籍，並帶回教室閱讀。這是培養閱讀習慣與興趣的好機會。

感謝您閱讀本期的課程進度表！若有任何問題、建議或回饋，歡迎透過聯絡本與我分享。我很樂意與您保持聯繫。

Many thanks,
Tr. Greg