



Penguin Class Newsletter November 2025

Hello Parents,

This semester, we will be getting stuck into penmanship, or pencil-manship to be precise! We have a lot new material that focus on the children's writing development.

In K4 we step up a level from what was presented in K3, so we will be looking deeper at our c.v.c work, as well as introducing consonant blends and long vowels and we begin spelling reciting.

K4 is where we start to look at the fundamentals of the dreaded subject of grammar, but don't worry, because as always in penguin class, this will be through many fun and engaging activities for the children to enjoy. In November, most of the class time are used to prepare for the next drama play which is about a Super Mario party.

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

The reading wonders books that we are using as our core material subject are a little more achievable than last semester. They still have the creative aspect where children can draw pictures based on the stories. The readers stories in these books of very useful sightwords and social, environmental and scientific essential concepts for the children to grasp.

November

11/3-21 Drama play practice

11/24~11/28 P76-77 - Unit 1 Week 2 - Anchor Text: Go, Pip!

Grammar

In K4 we start to work through a grammar workbook which presents some vital grammatical concepts for this level. As usual, this book is made for older, native English-speaking children who already speak English fluently and have a suitable writing ability. It will take a while for the children to be able to complete this schedule neatly and absorb the content. Of course, I will present the concepts in a way that is fun and engaging.

November'

11/3~11/7 Drama Play

11/10~11/1 Drama Play

11/17~11/21 P28~29

11/24~11/28 P30~31

Phonics

The new phonics book is basically the same as the previous semester, it concentrates on the basics of phonics – starting sounds of words. The book used in K4 now looks at medial and final consonants as well as some blends.

November

11/3~11/7 P43, 44, 46 high-frequency words / initial and final consonants

11/10~11/14 P47, 48, 54 assessment / short vowel a

11/17~11/21 P55, 56, 57 blending with short vowel a

11/24~11/28 P58, 59, 60 short vowel a rimes

Spelling

Last year, we spent a lot of time practicing phones as direct preparation for reading c.v.c words. This semester we're diving a little deeper into the technicalities.

Differentiating consonants and vowels, and spelling by letter names whilst reinforcing what was introduced last academic year. Below is a list of target words we are aiming to be able to spell.

November

11/3~11/21 drama play preparation

11/24~11/28 egg, off, mitt, kiss, buzz

Story Books

In K4 we will see our grammar, phonics, sightwords and c.v.c in action as well continue to our weekly readers.

November

11/3~11/21 drama play preparation

11/24~11/28 Bake, Mice, Bake!

MPM

This semester, the developmental areas in the MPM program is about spatial description & separation, set theory and properties like shapes and colours.

November

11/3~11/14 drama play preparation

11/17~11/21 C3:P15~18

11/24~11/28 C4:P01~04

Physical Education

We currently have PE on Thursday afternoons. At the moment we are just doing simple activities like foot or tricycle races because the kids can understand the idea easily. This semester we can try relay races where the kids pass batons to each other and race in teams.

Song and Dance

The school day starts with song and dance. The children get the chance to move around and have some fun before we start our first class. I also like to have them practice between classes or at the end of the day sometimes so that the students have the opportunity to move around and have some fun rather than sit for extended periods of time.

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11/3~11/21
11/25~11/29

Drama Play Songs
My Umbrella

Thank you,
John



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親愛的家長您好：

這學期我們將正式開始進入書寫練習的階段，或者更精確地說，是鉛筆書寫練習！本學期有許多新的教材，重點將放在孩子們的書寫能力發展上。

在 K4，我們會在 K3 所學的基礎上更進一步，深入學習 C.V.C. 單字，同時也會介紹子音連音（consonant blends）與長母音（long vowels），並開始練習拼字與背誦。

K4 也是孩子們首次接觸文法基礎的階段，但請家長放心，企鵝班的學習一向充滿趣味，我們會透過許多生動有趣的活動，讓孩子們開心地學習。

到了十一月，課堂的大部分時間將會用於準備下一齣戲劇表演——主題是 Super Mario 派對，相信孩子們一定會玩得開心、學得開心！

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

我們這學期使用的 Reading Wonders 閱讀教材，因為是孩子們熟悉的系列，感覺上會比上學期稍微輕鬆一些，對孩子們來說更容易達成學習目標。書中依然保留了創意繪畫的活動，孩子們可以根據故事內容畫出自己的圖畫。

這些故事中包含了許多實用的常見字（sight words），以及關於社會、環境與科學的重要概念，能幫助孩子們在閱讀中建立更廣泛的知識基礎與理解能力。November

11/3-21 Drama play practice
11/24~11/28 P76-77 - Unit 1 Week 2 - Anchor Text: Go, Pip!

Grammar

在 K4 階段，我們開始使用文法練習本，內容涵蓋了這個年齡層應該學習的重要文法概念。一如往常，這本書是為以英語為母語、具有一定書寫能力的年長學生所設計的，因此孩子們需要一些時間，才能熟練地完成練習並吸收內容。

當然，我會以有趣又吸引人的方式來呈現這些文法概念，讓孩子們在輕鬆愉快的氛圍中學習與成長。

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11/3~11/7	Drama Play
11/10~11/1	Drama Play
11/17~11/21	P28~29
11/24~11/28	P30~31

Phonics

這學期使用的 Phonics 書本基本上與上學期相同，重點仍放在自然發音的基礎——單字的起始音。在 K4，教材進一步延伸到中間音與結尾子音，並介紹部分子音連音（consonant blends），幫助孩子建立更完整的拼讀能力。

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Spelling

去年，我們花了很多時間練習字母發音（phonics），作為孩子學習 C.V.C. 單字的直接準備。這學期，我們將在此基礎上更深入探討拼字技巧：區分子音與母音，並以字母名稱拼寫單字，同時加強去年所學的內容。

以下是本學期目標拼寫單字清單：

November

11/3~11/21	drama play preparation
11/24~11/28	egg, off, mitt, kiss, buzz

Story Books

在 K4，孩子們將能將文法、自然發音、常見字（sight words）與 C.V.C 單字運用到實際情境中，同時持續進行每週的閱讀練習。

November

11/3~11/21	drama play preparation
11/24~11/28	Bake, Mice, Bake!

MPM

本學期 MPM 課程的發展重點包括：空間描述與分離概念、集合概念，以及形狀與顏色等屬性的學習。

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Physical Education

我們目前的 體育課（PE） 安排在每週四下午。目前孩子們主要進行簡單的活動，例如跑步比賽或三輪車比賽，因為這些活動孩子們容易理解。

本學期，我們將嘗試接力賽，孩子們需要互相傳遞接力棒，並以團隊形式比賽，增加合作與競技的樂趣。

Song and Dance

學校的每天課程都是以唱歌和跳舞作為開始。孩子們可以在上第一堂課之前活動身體、享受樂趣。我也會安排孩子們在課間或放學前練習，才不會長時間坐著太久。

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