

Whale Class Newsletter December 2025

Dear Whale parents,

As we move into December, we're fully entering the Christmas season, and the students are already very excited for all the upcoming festivities! Toward the end of the month, we'll begin focusing more on preparing for the reading contest, but for now, we'll continue with our regular class schedule and daily learning routines.

Reading

I've been closely observing students during reading time, encouraging everyone to track the words with their finger. This month, we'll incorporate more independent reading to help ensure all students continue progressing confidently at their own pace. We'll also be exploring stories about everyone's favourite dog—Biscuit! The students are already excited to dive in.

Week 1 – “Biscuit’s Big Friend”

Week 2 – “Look! I can read!”

Week 3 – “Bathtime for Biscuit”

Week 4 – “Scat Cats!”

Week 4 – “Prepare for Reading Contest”

Core Material

We will continue working in our core material book this week. Our focus will be on the new text, *A Surprise in the City*, before we shift our attention to the upcoming reading contest.

Week 1 – P78-80 Unit 1 Week 2 – Anchor Text: *Go, Pip!*

Week 2 – P81-83 Unit 1 Week 2 – Paired Selection: *A Surprise in the City*

Week 3 – P81-83 Unit 1 Week 2 – Paired Selection: *A Surprise in the City*

Week 4 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Week 5 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Phonics

We will continue working through our phonics book this week, with a focus on words containing the short i sound (such as sit, pin, and wig). The students have been moving quickly through the material and are demonstrating a strong understanding of the concepts.

Week 1 – P63, 64, 65 – short vowel a in sentences / short vowel a in context

Week 2 – P67, 68, 69 – short vowel a assessment / short vowel i

Week 3 – P71, 72, 73 – blending with short vowel i

Week 4 – P74, 75, 76 – short vowel i rhymes

Week 5 – P77, 78, 81 – writing short vowel i / short vowel i in sentences

MPM Math

MPM has been going very smoothly over the past month. The students truly enjoy this time and become very animated and engaged during the activities. I've adjusted our schedule so that MPM is the first class after nap time, as it helps the students wake up, refocus, and start the afternoon with energy and enthusiasm.

Week 1 – C4: P05-08 / Trip to Discovery P07-08

Week 2 – C4: P09-012 / Trip to Discovery P07-08

Week 3 – C4: P13-16 / Trip to Discovery P07-08

Week 4 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Week 5 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Grammar

At the beginning of the school year, students found this book more challenging, and we often worked through it quite slowly. However, as their writing skills and confidence have grown, this class has become much smoother and more enjoyable. The students are now actively participating without hesitation, which is wonderful to see.

Week 1 – P32-33 Workbook 16

Week 2 – P34-35 Workbook 17

Week 3 – P36-37 Workbook 18

Week 4 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Week 5 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Writing

I have seen tremendous improvement in the students' writing since we began four months ago. I'm very proud of the progress they've made, and I continue to encourage plenty of writing during class to help them keep developing their skills.

Week 1 – P50-52

Week 2 – P53-55

Week 3 – P56, 58

Week 4 – P59

Week 5 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Song and Dance

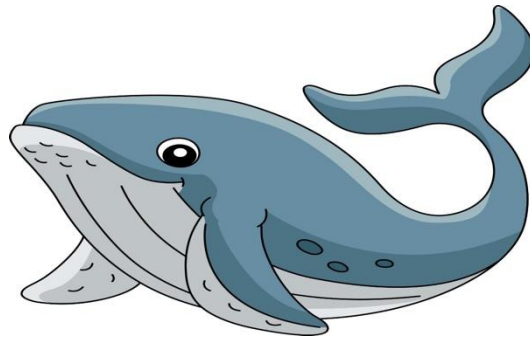
This month, our Song and Dance time will focus on Christmas songs as the days grow shorter and we move closer to the holiday season. The students have already been practicing these songs in music class, and I'll be spending additional time reviewing them in our classroom as we prepare for the upcoming Christmas show.

Thematic Activity

This month's thematic activities will be all about Christmas! We have lots of fun seasonal crafts and projects planned, and I hope the students are as excited as we are to dive into the holiday spirit together.

Thank you for reading and take care,

Best wishes,
Tr. Anthony



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親愛的鯨魚班家長，

隨著十二月的到來，我們正式進入聖誕季，同學們已經對即將到來的各種慶祝活動充滿了期待！月底，我們將開始更專注於閱讀比賽的準備工作，但目前我們將繼續按照正常的課程安排和日常學習計畫進行。

Reading

我一直在閱讀時間密切觀察學生，鼓勵大家用手指點唸的狀況。本月我們將增加自主閱讀環節，以確保所有學生都能以自己的步調自信地繼續進步。我們還將一起探索大家最喜歡的狗狗 – Biscuit 的故事！學生們已經迫不及待地想要開始了。

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Core Material

本週我們將繼續學習核心教材。我們將專注於學習新課文《A Surprise in the City》，之後再將注意力轉移到即將到來的閱讀比賽上。

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Phonics

本週我們將繼續學習自然拼讀教材，並專注於學習包含短元音「i」的單字（例如 sit、pin 和 wig）。學生學習進度很快，並且對相關概念理解透徹。

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MPM Math

過去一個月，MPM課程進行得非常順利。學生們非常喜歡這段時間，在活動中也顯得格外活躍和投入。我已經調整了課程安排，將MPM安排在午睡後的第一堂課，這樣有助於學生們清醒過來，重新集中注意力，並以飽滿的精力和熱情開始下午的課程。

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Grammar

學年開始，學生覺得這本書比較難，我們常常進展緩慢。然而，隨著他們寫作技巧和自信心的提升，這門課變得流暢而愉快。現在學生們都能積極參與課堂，毫不猶豫，這真是令人欣慰。

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Writing

自從四個月前開課以來，我看到了學生寫作能力的巨大進步。我為他們所取得的進步感到非常自豪，我會繼續鼓勵他們在課堂上進行大量的寫作練習，以幫助他們持續提升寫作技能。

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Song and Dance

隨著白晝漸短，聖誕季節臨近，本月我們的歌舞課將以聖誕歌曲為主。學生們已經在音樂課上練習過這些歌曲，為了準備即將到來的聖誕演出，我也會抽出一些時間在課堂上複習。

Thematic Activity

本月的主題活動將圍繞著聖誕節！我們計劃了很多有趣的節日創作和活動，希望學生們和我們一樣興奮，一起沉浸在節日氣氛中。

Thank you for reading and take care,

Best wishes,

Tr. Anthony