

Elephant Class Newsletter May 2026

Dear Parents,

This is the Elephant class monthly newsletter where you will find information on our upcoming schedule, classes, and material for May. I hope you find the information useful and I look forward to any contributions that you may have.

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: The Berentsein Bears : By The Sea

Week 3: The Berenstein Bears : Catch The Bus

Week 4: Grumpy Monkey : Too Many Bugs

Core Material

For the core material class, the students are learning the foundation and necessities of English for the appropriate level through interesting stories and activities. The Wonders series provides a variety of reading materials that require the students to respond and develop their answers to comprehension questions.

Week 1: Prepare for drama play

Week 2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3: P105-109 ; paired selection : Drakestail

Week 4: P118-127 ; shared read : Life At Home

Math

Our math class involves many different topics, covering a wide range of activities and developing hand dexterity. This can range from simple number counting, to problem solving and patterns in a progressive and sequential manner.

Week 1: Prepare for drama play

Week 2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3: F4 ; P01-06

Week 4: F4 ; P07-12

Grammar

For our conversation class, the students are learning high-frequency words with picture recognition of common animals and items through our book, Grammar Space Book 2. We will introduce some basic grammar and practice how to use these through exercises in the book. This is accompanied by a Workbook that is used as a homework text to further reinforce the class work.

Week 1: P50-53

Week 2: P54-57

Week 3: P58-61

Week 4: P62-65

Phonics

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

Week 1: P156-159 ; diphthong review

Week 2: P161-166 ; high frequency words

Week 3: P171-174 ; contractions

Week 4: P175-178 ; contractions

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, how to form letters in the correct manner and begin to construct sentences.

Week 1: Prepare for Drama Play

Week 2: Prepare for Drama Play

Week 3: P66-67

Week 4: P68-69

Thematic Activity

Thematic class is a fun and exciting class that changes in theme and topic each month, generally following significant calendar events. The students will be making, coloring, gluing and constructing many different projects in the class to take home to families. The theme for the month of April is international culture and will involve activities to celebrate the chosen country.

Song and Dance

Song and Dance is the first class we do each day, beginning the day with high energy and 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 the teacher. This includes finding and practicing songs suitable for use in drama and other activities.

Week 1: Drama Play Songs

Week 2: Drama Play Songs

Week 3: Somewhere Out There

Week 4: Somewhere Out There

Spelling

This year the class will begin having a basic spelling class twice a week to introduce some common words that have been read in the texts. 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.

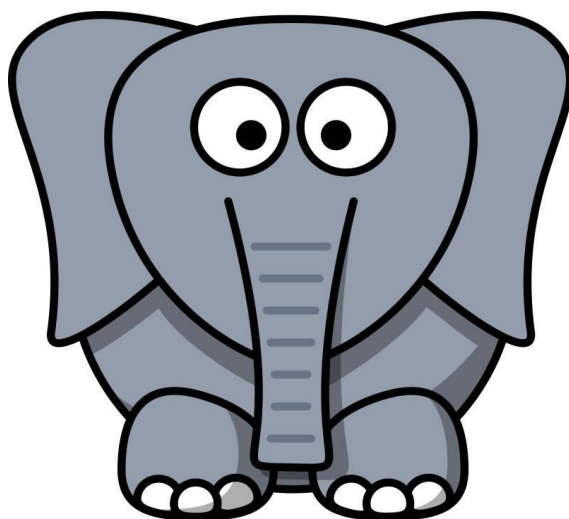
Library/Storybook

Once a week we will go to the library, where I will help them choose a book each to read and some can be taken to the classroom and home. Any spare time is spent with story-time reading of a wonderful book and a little Q&A for comprehension.

I hope you enjoyed this monthly newsletter and please do keep in touch with any questions, comments or concerns in the communication books.

Thank you for reading!

Many thanks,
Tr. Greg



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親愛的家長您好：

歡迎閱讀大象班五月份月報！在這裡您可以了解本月的課程安排、教學內容與學習重點。希望這些資訊對您有所幫助，也歡迎您隨時提供寶貴的意見與回饋。

Reading

閱讀課每週會安排一本新書，內容搭配生動有趣、色彩豐富的插圖，提升孩子的學習興趣。上課時，學生會圍成半圓，手指著書本，跟著老師一起朗讀與重複句子。當孩子熟悉流程後，也會開始進行個別朗讀與小組閱讀。建議孩子在家多聆聽錄音並跟著書本練習，有助於提升字詞辨識能力與語感。

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Core Material

核心課程透過有趣的故事與活動，幫助學生建立英語基礎能力。我們使用 *Wonders* 教材，內容多元，並引導學生練習理解文章並回答問題，培養表達能力。

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Math

數學課涵蓋多元主題，透過不同活動培養學生的數學概念與手部操作能力。內容從基本數數到簡單的問題解決與圖形規律，循序漸進地學習。

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Week 3: F4 ; P01-06

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Grammar

文法課使用 *Grammar Space Book 2*，透過圖片與生活常見事物，學習高頻單字與基礎文法概念。課堂中會搭配練習活動，並使用作業本加強課後複習。

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Phonics

自然拼讀課使用 *Sadler Phonics* 教材，透過有趣的活動與圖像學習母音、音節、圖文辨識，以及發音規則，並逐步應用在閱讀與書寫上。

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Writing

寫作課著重於培養正確的書寫習慣與技巧。學生會練習正確握筆方式、字母書寫，並逐步學習造句。

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Thematic Activity

主題課程每月更換，通常配合節慶或重要活動設計。本月主題為**國際文化**，學生將透過手作、著色與創作活動，認識並體驗不同國家的文化

Song and Dance

每天的第一堂課是歌曲與律動，透過音樂與動作讓孩子充滿活力地開始一天。除了課程歌曲外，也會練習適合戲劇表演的曲目。

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Spelling

本學期開始，每週會進行兩次拼字課，學習課文中常見的單字。學生也會練習將單字運用在句子中。每週拼字內容會附在週報中，方便在家練習。

Library/Storybook

每週會安排一次圖書館時間，讓學生挑選喜歡的書籍閱讀，部分書籍可帶回教室或家中。空閒時間也會進行故事分享與簡單的理解問答。

Many thanks,
Tr. Greg