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Newsletter



READ, REPEAT AND REMEMBER!

During P1, P2 and P3, students will read 18 big books in my English class. The books contain over 100 high frequency words which will enable students to read over 70% of primary level texts.

As it is difficult to remember a word if it is only heard once, we try to repeat the same words several times. After reading the high frequency words from the story, students learn the words individually and try to make other sentences using those words. Students can see the words from the story books posted on the walls of English Wonderland in our school and can use them to complete worksheets. Students then take home reading books and self-directed learning books which encourage students to use the same words. Students are asked to complete a writing activity using those words. Finally, each child is given a quick informal test to see how

many words they can remember. It is my goal to repeat the same words many times in different ways so that all students will finish P3 with a good vocabulary to help them with their further studies.

The Christmas holidays are a great opportunity for children to pick up a book and use their new knowledge. It is important that children choose books that are not so easy that they find them boring or so difficult that they struggle. I would recommend that parents go to the library to choose books with their children.

Enjoy reading and have a great Christmas!

Philip Stride
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CRGPS



BELOW ARE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ONE RECENT P2 LESSON.



Can you guess which high frequency word was used during this lesson in the song, sentences, big book, game, Self-directed Learning Book and Small Book?

Answer: run / running



BUDDY READING

The best way to improve students' understanding of English and build their vocabulary is to foster a love of reading. The more they read, the more they improve their language ability and confidence. In order to nurture this reading culture among our students, we have set up a mentoring programme - Buddy Reading - to help boost our students' confidence in reading.

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-- Dr. Seuss

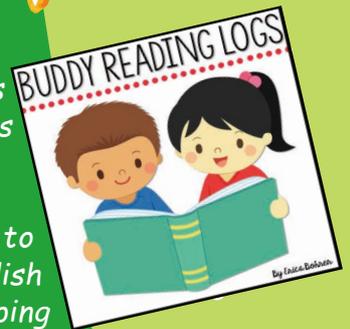


These sessions run during lunch recess in the English Wonderland. Our English Ambassadors and younger students, and even peers, are paired together as "buddies" to read aloud to each other. Reading aloud helps students connect the written with the spoken language, improves their reading rate and rhythm, and lets them experience the pleasure of reading together.

TODAY A READER
TOMORROW A LEADER

- MARGARET FULLER

The reading buddies take turns choosing the books, either from the ones available in the English Wonderland for KS1 or the e-books available on the Oxford Owl Reading Scheme for KS2. Buddy reading shares the work between the pair, encourages support for each other and, more importantly, increases confidence. It can thus benefit both students' reading and listening skills, aiming towards increased fluency.



With this Buddy Reading mentorship programme, we hope to cultivate the students' interest and enjoyment in reading English texts. We also hope to enhance their social skills by developing support, trust and friendship between the buddies.

Rajni V. Bharwaney



OUR ENGLISH JOURNALISTS

**Wang Yi Ching,
Lisa 6A**

My favourite reporter is Nabela Qoser because she is skilful and hard-working. Though she is a Pakistani, she speaks fluent Cantonese. She sets a good example for all of us. If we would like to be a good reporter, we should study languages well so that we can communicate with people from different countries.

**Wang Yi Yau,
Linda 6A**

It is meaningful to be an English journalist as I can meet many people from all walks of life. My favourite journalist is Sami al-Haj because he is very brave. He reported the Afghanistan War in late 2001. He brought us breaking news and the truth about the war. I like reading the news about Science because I can know about new things and unknown creatures.

**Parmesh
Khatri, 6C**

My favourite journalist is Mike Moore. He has been a technology journalist for more than five years in Britain. He brings us the latest news about information technology.

**Tsang Wan Chu,
Ashley 6B**

I want to be an English journalist because I want to be more confident. I think I am suitable for this job because I am proficient in spoken and written English. I like reading world news as I can know more about the social issues around the world.

**Chan Sze Yu,
Celine 6A**

I want to be a journalist in the future because I can interview famous people and report the truth. I also like reading world news because I want to know the current concerns and needs.

**Chan Nga Lum,
Erin 6A**

I think I could be a good reporter in the future because I am patient and friendly. I hope that I can report the truth to the people around the world and I can write my own articles in some magazines. I also like reading entertainment news as I am a film lover. I can easily find out the latest film reviews in this column.

**Leung Hei Tung,
Alicia 6A**

My favourite journalist is Veby Indah. She remained conscious and calm after being shot in the face. Being a journalist is a challenging and meaningful job. I have learnt that we need to be careful and brave during interviews.

**Igloria Chloe
Faye, 6C**

My favourite reporter is Marie Menounos because she is strong, brave and talented. She is a confident woman, I really adore her. I hope that I can be as strong and as confident as her. I want to be an entertainment journalist because I can meet different celebrities around the world.

**Gurung
Ruby, 6C**

I want to be a journalist because I like taking pictures and reporting stories. I think I am suitable for the job because I am proficient in spoken and written English. My favourite reporter is Nabela Qoser because I can learn about her skills including researching, investigating, interviewing and reporting.



Yi Ching

Linda



2B

Alicia

Celine

Erin



Ashley

Parmesh



Chloe

Ruby

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AT CHRISTMAS?

Principal Yuen Oi Yee

I enjoy watching movies with my daughters at Christmas as they love all kinds of movies. I cherish every moment with my family members. Moreover, I will also spend some time doing exercise and making some healthy dishes.



Vice-principal Mr Tang Yin Ki

I will go to Australia for a picnic with my beloved wife for ten days. This is my first time travel to Australia. I will take photos of the wonderful views in Australia. I will also swim in a hotel.



Ms Cheung Sze Ki

I will go to Japan with my parents and husband at Christmas. I have been there many times. I will go shopping and sight-seeing. I will also try different kinds of Japanese cuisines.



Ms Wu Wai Po

I will go to England to visit my friends with my family. I have been there before. I will also read some books about travelling and politics. I also enjoy playing scrabble and sudoku.



Ms Rajni

I will spend time with my family in Hong Kong. I will stay at home and cook some yummy food. I will read some love stories and history books.



Mr Stride

At Christmas, I will go to the beach in Thailand with my family members for six days. I have been to Thailand for a couple of times. This time I will go swimming, walking and have a party with my friends.



1A Hui Sin Yu

I will visit my family in Singapore at Christmas. I have been there many times. I will also buy some souvenirs for my friends.



2C Choy Man Sum

I will stay at home and play with my sister. I will read some English fairy tales and play computer games.



3B Yam Joshua Oliver

I will go to Hong Kong Disneyland and Ocean Park with my family members. I have been there many times. I will buy some souvenirs for my friends.



4A Lam Yin Tung

I will stay in Hong Kong with my family at Christmas. I will play Chinese chess and watch TV in my spare time.



4C Chan Xingqi

I will go to Dubai at Christmas with my mother. I will play outdoor games. I have been there before. I will also play dolls and read English books at home.



5A Le Sen Kai

I will go to Disneyland with my family. I have been there before. I will read books about travelling.



5B Wong Yan Kiu

On Christmas Eve, I will decorate my home with Christmas trees and lights. I will go to Ocean Park with my family. I like to go there because I can see many animals. I will also spend some time reading English books.



6A Yu Yan To, Flora

At Christmas, I will go to a restaurant with my family. I will also travel to Florida with my parents and younger sister. I have never been there before. I feel excited about the trip.



6B Tse Chung Wo

I will travel to Vietnam at Christmas. I have been there thirteen times. I will read some books about Minecraft. I think I will receive Legos as present at Christmas.



DECEMBER

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Harriet's world series



Don't be sad, Harriet. It's Christmas! There are so many things to make you happy.



It's the 19th of December. Harriet's dad is away. Harriet is staring out of the window.

1



On the 20th of December, Harriet and her mum go to buy a beautiful Christmas tree. Harriet helps to put on the lights. She even puts a star on top. It looks fantastic but it doesn't make her happy.

2



On the 21st of December, Harriet helps to decorate the house. She hangs up Christmas cards on long pieces of string. The house looks beautiful but she isn't really interested.

3

4



On the 22nd of December, Harriet goes shopping with her mum. They buy a turkey, nuts and a Christmas pudding. They buy lots of delicious Christmas food but she still feels miserable.

5



On the 23rd of December, Harriet looks at her Christmas presents under the tree. Some are from her parents. Some are from her aunts and uncles. Some are from her grandparents. She can even see presents from her friends. She has lots of presents but she isn't really excited.

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On the 24th of December ...

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Daddy! Look at the beautiful tree! Look at all the decorations! We've got lots of delicious food! Look at all the presents! I can't wait to open them tomorrow!

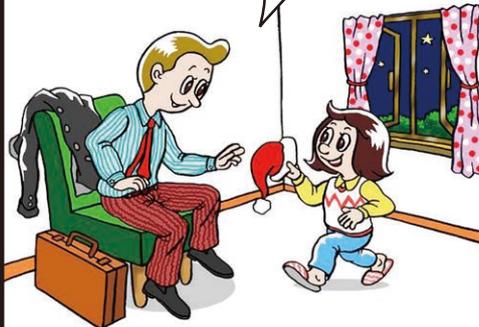
Hello, Harriet!



Dad gets home. Harriet is so happy!

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WOW! What is your favourite thing about Christmas?



What do you think Harriet will say?

9

Sharing it with people that I love!



Exercise 2 Quiz Time



Write the answers to the following questions to prepare for a class discussion:

1. Put either 'th', 'st', 'nd' or 'rd' after the following numbers.
Use the dates in the story to help you.

a. 1

b. 4

c. 7

d. 10

e. 2

f. 5

g. 8

h. 21

i. 3

j. 6

k. 9

l. 22

2. On what date is Christmas Day?

3. Write four words in the story that show emotions.

4. What is Harriet's favourite thing about Christmas?

5. What other festivals can you think of?

Riddles

01 **6A Leung Sum Yau, Rachel**
 She works in a clinic or a hospital.
 She works in shifts.
 She takes care of patients.
 She wears a white uniform.
 She is hard-working and responsible.
 What is she?



02 **6A Pan Yu Xiang, Kitty**
 He works in a kitchen in a restaurant.
 He designs menus and prepares delicious meals.
 He wears an apron and a white hat.
 He is good at cooking.
 He is hard-working.
 What is he?



03 **6A Au Wai Lun, Matthew**
 She works in a hostel.
 She takes care of the elderly.
 She prepares the meals for the old people.
 She is patient and kind-hearted.
 What is she?



04 **6A Yu Yan To, Flora**
 He works in an office.
 He analyses client's financial needs.
 He is outgoing and hard-working.
 He is good at Maths.
 What is he?



05 **6A Cheung Tsz Yuet, Joyce**
 She works in an office.
 She checks and writes financial reports for companies.
 She is careful and patient.
 She is good at Maths.
 What is she?



06 **6A Hung Ming Chung, Braydon**
 He owns a factory.
 He designs some furniture.
 He sets up machines for mass production.
 He employs staff to work for him.
 He is hard-working.
 What is he?



07 **6B Au Chi Sum, Sam**
 She works in a kindergarten.
 She gives students knowledge.
 She takes care of students.
 She is patient and caring.
 What is she?



08 **6B Chan Yan Lun, Kathy**
 He works in a van.
 He delivers things to people.
 He works long hours.
 He is strong and careful.
 What is he?



09 **6B Wu Chung Chak, Jack**
 She works in the kitchen.
 She cooks delicious food for her guests.
 She also designs new recipes.
 She works hard and seriously.
 What is she?



10 **6C Ko Chun Long, August**
 She works in an office.
 She sells crystal ornaments.
 She is creative and talkative.
 She designs her own products.
 She gets along with her colleagues and customers.
 What is she?



11 **6C Igloria Chloe Faye**
 She works in a bank.
 She is careful and attentive.
 She handles all the bank transfers and payments.
 She builds up a good relationship with her customers.
 What is she?



12 **6C Chan Yan Tung, Kay**
 He works in a site office.
 He monitors the procedures and guides the workers to finish the construction projects.
 He needs to be creative and hard-working.
 He designs lots of buildings.
 What is he?



13 **6C Gurung Ruby**
 She works at home.
 She is caring and helpful.
 She cleans the house and takes good care of her children.
 What is she?



5. An accountant
 9. A chef
 13. A housewife

4. A financial planning manager
 8. A van driver
 12. An architect

3. A health worker
 7. A kindergarten teacher
 11. A bank teller

2. A chef
 6. The boss of the furniture factory
 10. A businesswoman

Answers: 1. A nurse