

English Second Language Newsletter

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Welcome to the first English Second Language Newsletter
Of 2015-16!

L2 presentation:

http://www.europeanschoolthehague.nl/files/documenten/l2_information_evening_10-10-2015.pdf

What we have done...

P1

In P1 we have looked at the topics of school and family. We have learnt vocabulary connected to school supplies and sang songs about school instructions. As part of the family topic we have played games on Linguascope and drawn and labelled a picture of our own family. This week we have been learning the song that accompanies the online story - What's the Time Mr Wolf? The children have been able to sequence the story and they have really impressed us with how well they can tell the time in spoken English. They are also able to link these times with events during the day.

P2

We have been looking at ourselves and our extended family. We have made little booklets about some of our family members and written descriptions of ourselves that we have then shared with our class mates. We have done lots of listening activities and word searches. We have also listened to a story about what children around the world do at different times of the day and answered questions about what we heard.

P3

In L2 we have been looking at Daily Routines and about Schools: Then and Now. It has been really interesting to see the differences and similarities; in the 1900's, children sat in rows and had very strict teachers, now children can sit in groups and the teachers are nice! The children who couldn't afford school had to go to work. We have also had the opportunity to present a poster or powerpoint about our school and designed our own dream schools and playgrounds. The children have also learnt the vocabulary of school subjects, rooms and equipment around school. In the Daily Activities topic we have been highlighting how we spend our time at school and also at home. We completed colourful and creative acrostic poems and also planned a daily schedule, recording all the things we do at a given time during the day. We have also discussed hobbies, and focused on how to express our likes and dislikes.

P4

In "School", to tie in with Space Week, we read a poem about an alien in the classroom called "The Marrog" and then re-wrote the poem using an alien of our own invention. After this we learnt a song called *At School* which we then adapted and sang using our own lyrics. We have also created our own newsletter about our school, looked at the different school subjects we learn and created a school lunch menu. In the Daily Routines topic we looked at what children like to do in the free time and wrote a blog about what we do in our free time. We also made posters about our friends and their daily routines.

P5

In P5 we have been looking at schools in different parts of the world. We researched what schools are like in different countries and what was similar and different from our own education. The countries we looked at were; Nigeria, North Korea, Mexico, South Korea, Brazil, Australia, Scotland and China. All very different cultures. We then looked further at the positives(pros) and the negatives(cons) for each different country. With this in mind we decided to have a debate. We learned the skills, rules and the vocabulary for debating and in pairs took to the floor. Polite interruption, holding the floor and countering were just some of the tactics we learned. We have also listen to a story called Superhero High and created comic strips, designed superheroes and school timetables.

Next topics...

P1 – P 2: In P1 and 2 we will be looking at the topics of countries and home.

P3 – 4: In P3 and 4 our topics will be travelling and celebrations.

P5 – In P5 we will be looking at Free time. We will look at what people like to do in their free time as well as how we spend our free time.

Useful Websites

P1

Alphabet song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gI9o73kenFI>

Days of the week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIvQOab00OQ>

Months of the year

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5enDRrWyXaw>

Pencil case/School bag

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/quiet-please>

Colours

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/i-can-sing-rainbow>

P2

Days of the week

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/pizza-and-chips>

Pronouns

<http://lessons.e-learningforkids.org/efk/Courses/EN/L0603/login.htm>

Family Poems

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stanezmA-hk>

Time

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/on_time_game1.htm

P3

Continents song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNGJfg45QRI>

Travel song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8v16WEVszM>

Landscapes of the world: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMcQidZdaOk>

P4

Nouns: <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/grammar/nouns.htm>

School Supplies

<http://www.eslgamesplus.com/school-supplies-subjects/>

P5

Superhero High -School

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/make-your-own/style-hero>

Plurals:

<http://www.eslgamesworld.com/members/games/ClassroomGames/Billionaire/Plurals%20Billionair%20Game/index.html>

Sports: <http://www.eslgamesplus.com/sports/>

Self-evaluate your language skills:

<http://edl.ecml.at/LanguageFun/Selfevaluateyourlanguageskills/tabid/2194/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>