

Primary English Newsletter (PEN)



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At a Glance!

“Everything starts from a dot.” –
Wassily Kandinsky

It is true in art. It is also true in languages. G.1 has learnt the usage of dots – full-stops. Besides, they have learnt commas and capitalization. G.2 has experienced 2 festivals; one Chinese – Mid-autumn and one Western – Halloween, in 2 months. G.3 has learnt what makes cultures so different, and differences between people within any given nation or culture are big. G.4 is going to have an excursion to consolidate what they have learnt from the module – Rainforests. G.5 is lucky because there are always good spy movies to increase their interests in Secrets and Spies in Module 1. G.6 has learnt that justice is not there for them to get without cost, so they have to fight for it. That is why they are learning from Martin Luther King Jr.

It is our luck living in a city like Hong Kong where east meets west, and where both the universal languages, English and Putonghua are so popular.

As everyone knows English is the most widely spoken language in the world while Putonghua is the language spoken by the most people around the world.

I think it is a blessing studying in Pui Kiu College because most students there are able to speak both the languages well. There is no barrier in communication between students and teachers or among students at all.

I am not going to study the reason of this achievement behind here but I am quite sure it is to do with a mentality - English is not a subject but a language.

If you view English as a subject, you will simply apply strategies that help you succeed in examinations only. You will learn the correct answers to give to your teachers' questions or questions in workbooks.

If you view English as a language, you begin to use it every day and everywhere without worrying about making grammatical mistakes, to think out of the box and to internalize the parts of language needed to become a successful speaker, writer and listener of the language.

Here I would like to share a quote written by Nelson Mandela with you: “If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

Boys and girls, please make English and Putonghua your own languages!



We are glad to see that our Grade One students have already settled very well in Pui Kiu College. Their smiles and laughter could be seen and heard everywhere in the school.

In English writing class, they are making marvelous progress. They have learnt to use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and to use a full-stop to mark the end of a sentence. Additionally, they also learned to use capital letters for names.

Grade One students also have had joyful time reading the story about Roy, the singing zebra, who follows his dreams and seeks adventure.

Dear boys and girls, learning English is lots of fun! Let's keep working hard and enjoy!





Festivals around the World

Our second graders are currently having their Module 1 “Festival around the World”.

For the past few weeks, students have learnt how to write an Information Report to show specific information of a subject.

They have learnt to

- organise their ideas in paragraphs;**
- exclude personal ideas in writing Information Report;**
- use the simple present tense**
- make good use of adjectives to make their writing more interesting**

Many of our students like Mid-autumn Festival and Halloween. They brainstormed ideas and wrote Information Reports on Mid-autumn Festival and Halloween.

Halloween



Let's read some of their masterpieces! Have FUN reading!!

By 2C Jasmine

By 2C Jophie

Halloween ✓

Halloween is a great festival. People believe ghosts and witches are free on Halloween, so they dress like a vampire, zombie and a skeleton to scare the ghosts and witches away. ✓

People celebrate it on 31st October, ~~2015~~ every year. ✓

People celebrate it in the garden, in the play ground, in the haunted house, on the street or at home. ✓

People make cookies and Jack-o-lantern in Halloween, they go door to door to play trick or treat and give candies and cookies

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People celebrate Halloween on 31st October every year. ✓

People usually celebrate Halloween in their garden, haunted house, home and the street. ✓

to each other. They also play some activities in the club house, in the club house they tell spooky stories and go inside the haunted house. ✓

Trick or Treat

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Targets
✓ - use the simple present tense correctly
✓ - write in complete sentences
✓ - use punctuation correctly (capital letters and full stops)
✓ - organise your writing in paragraphs

Other comments:

- I like that you organised your writing neatly!

- you can elaborate your ideas further with your own words

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Halloween by

People make cookies with molten cookies, go to the street and trick or treat. They also dress up as ghost, witches, skeleton, pumpkinman, the end. ✓

They like to make jack-o-lantern. The end. ✓

Trick or Treat

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Targets
- use the simple present tense correctly
- write in complete sentences
- use punctuation correctly (capital letters and full stops)
- organise your writing in paragraphs

Other comments:

- I like your clear ideas in your writing!

- Make sure you write with complete sentences

✖ Keep up the great work! ☺

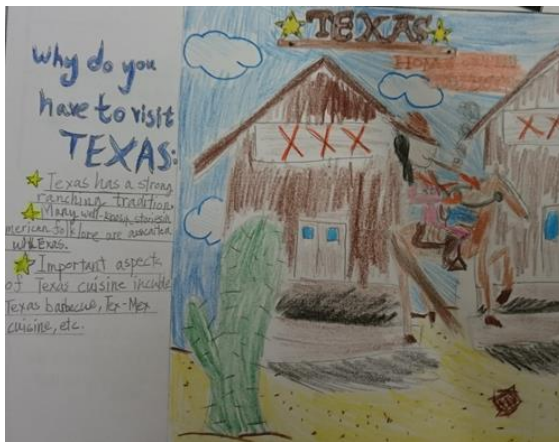
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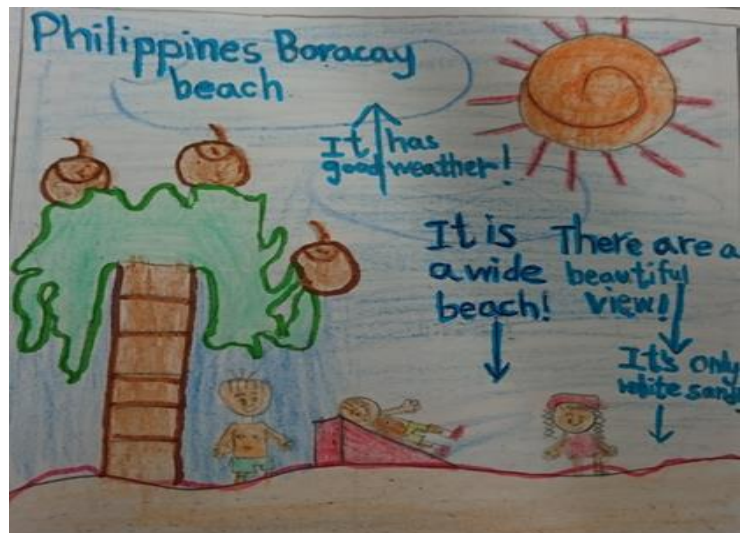
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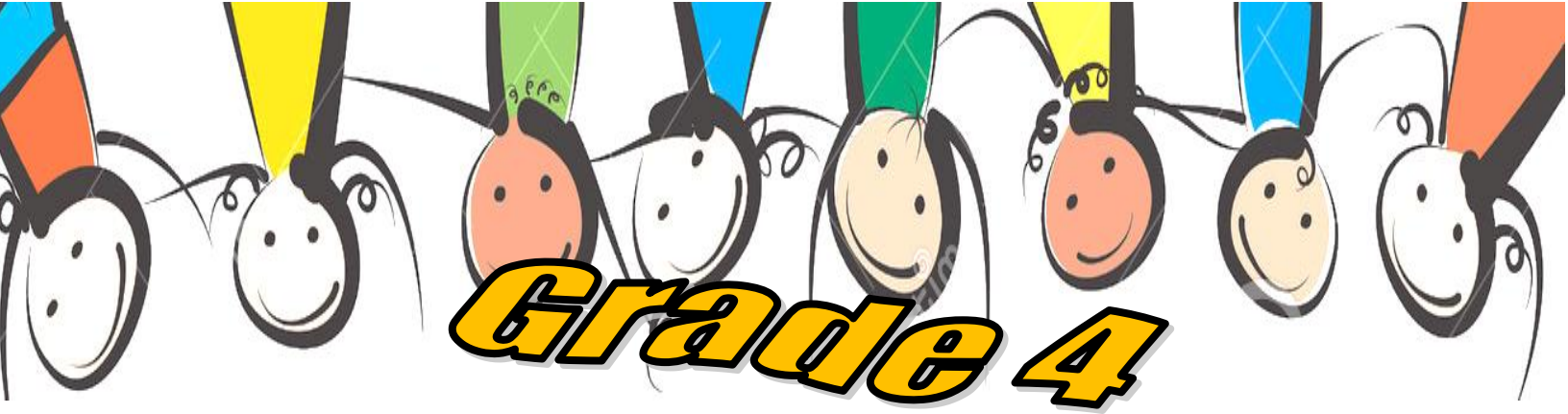
Grade 3

Our Grade Three students are exploring some very interesting information about different countries of the world, such as their languages, capital cities, most famous festivals and sports. Through shared reading, children have learned that people wear different kinds of shoes in different countries. For example, in Holland, people used to wear Klompen as work shoes on



farms and in factories and mines. In Japan, people used to wear Geta with high wooden platforms to keep their kimonos from touching the dust and mud... By working collaboratively or individually on different tasks, children have learned different culture and nations around the world. Let's have a look at their creative posters.





Our **FOURTH** graders are currently having their Module 1, **“Rainforest”**.

In the past few weeks, students read books called “The Amazing Amazon & Up the Amazon”.

Over the course of this module, we have looked at how rainforest keeps our earth healthy. Rainforest is a vital lifeline of earth, because without the trees in the rainforest, the level of carbon dioxide will rise quickly and oxygen level will fall rapidly.

Our G4 students went online to do researches about rainforests in the school. They learned lots about the characteristics of and animals and plants found in rainforests. Through this learning process, students understand the importance of rainforests to human beings and ways of how to stop human destruction.

Rainforests are disappearing very quickly. It arouses people’s awareness of the need to save the rainforests now or never. But it is not going to be easy at all.



It will take the efforts of many people working together in order to ensure that rainforests and their wildlife will survive.

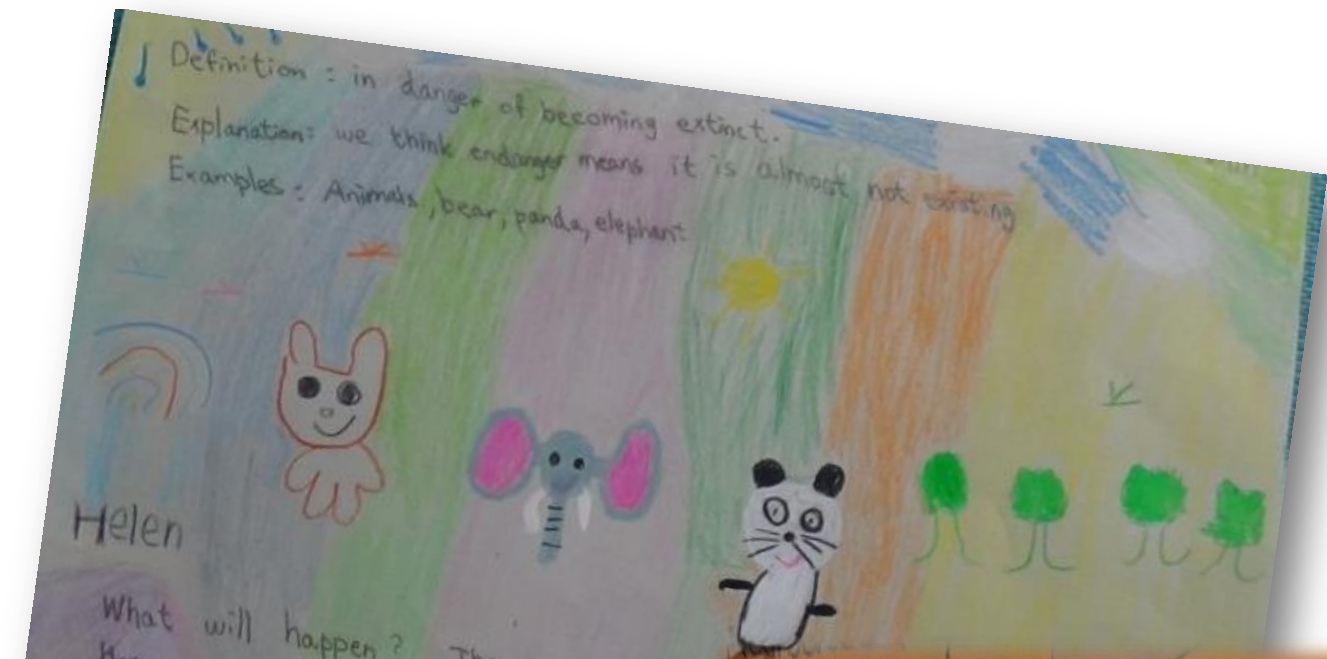
As a review of Module 1 ~ “Rainforest”, our fourth graders will be visiting **Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden** in early November.

At the end of Module 1, students will be asked to play the role of a news reporter or a rainforest animal and write a script using descriptive language. Also, in groups of 4 to 5, students will perform a short skit at school showing the importance of the rainforests to humans.

It is a great opportunity for our grade four students to apply the knowledge that they have learnt in the module in a meaningful and interesting way.

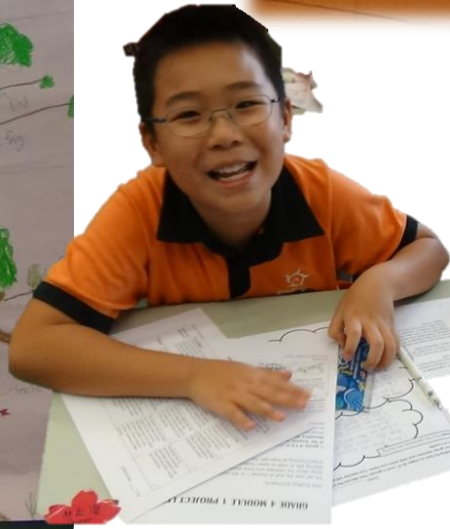
Let’s have a look at their fabulous work!





What will happen? The animal will be
 How can we help/solve?
 We need to protect the rainforest.
 When we see an animal in danger, we should
 We tell our mom and dad.

- The tallest layer
- Emergent: lots of sunshine
- broad-leaved
- Layer: 200 feet tall
- smooth, old leaves
- food is abundant
- Primary layer
- forms a roof
- 12 feet tall
- big leaves to reach sunlight
- little sunlight
- Many insects, flowers



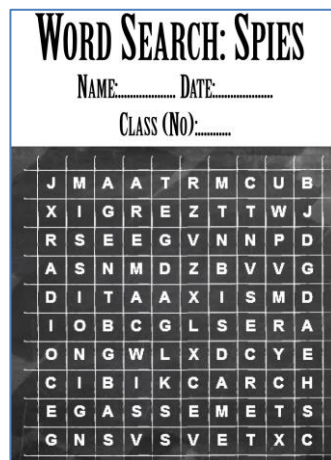


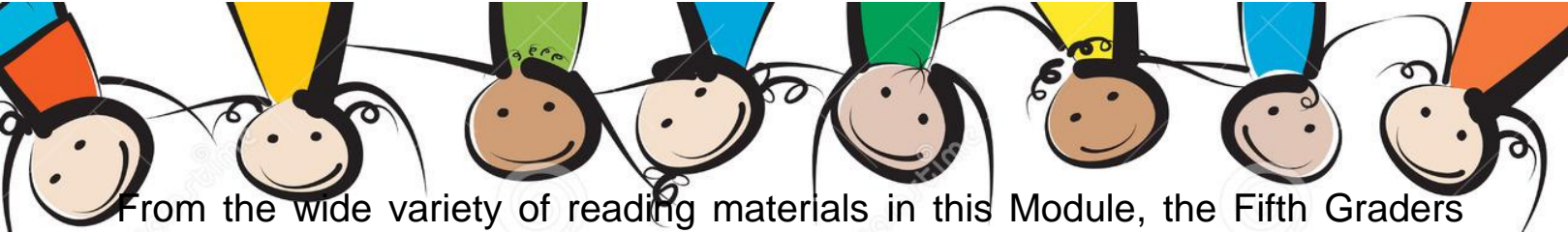
The Fifth Graders have embarked on a secretive journey of gadgets,

technology and double agents... Module 1: Secrets and Spies

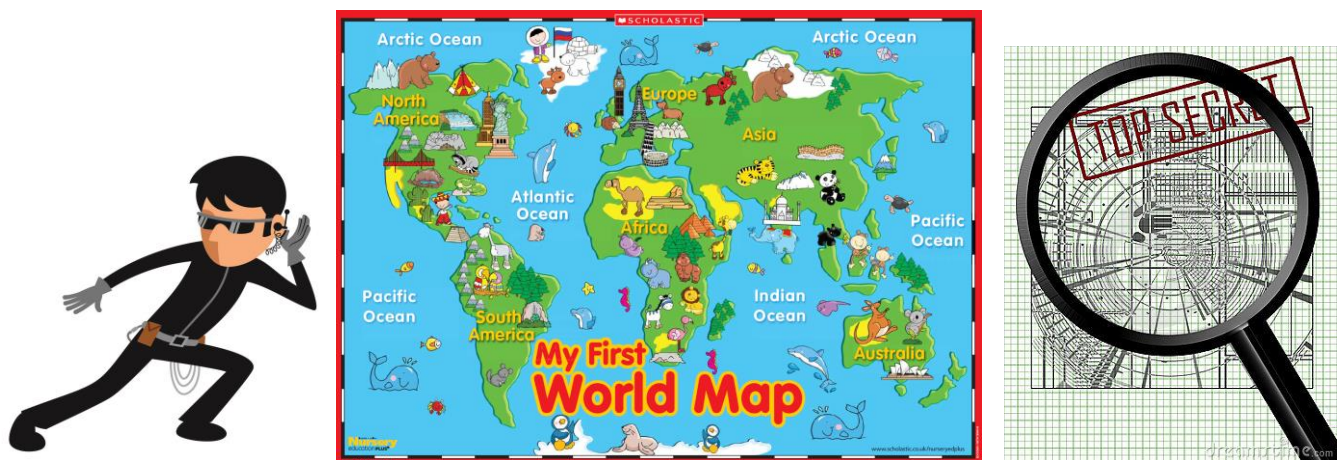


In this module, students have taken pointers from spies throughout history, as well as famous agents of the silver screen, e.g. James Bond, Mata Hari, Johnny English, Spy Kids, to name a few.





From the wide variety of reading materials in this Module, the Fifth Graders have acquired some basic skills in encoding and decoding messages, making use of Morse Code to send information, using cypher wheels to encrypt and decrypt vital knowledge, tailing targets and even creating a disguise. Through these diverse tasks, they have also consolidated their grammar skills in using different tenses, giving imperatives, using gerunds and infinitives and even writing procedural texts.



The Module goes even deeper undercover as the students will take part in an Inter-Class Disguise Game in November. Will they be ready to take on this assignment... or will it be another “Mission Impossible”? Stay tuned!



The Grade 6 students are currently reading the biography of Martin Luther King. Let us tell you more about this hero.

Every January, Americans celebrate Martin Luther King Day. This is a public holiday in America. Martin is forever remembered as a great man of peace and a champion of rights and freedom for people of every color.



In 1900s, there were laws to keep blacks segregated from whites in America. Under such unfair laws, black children were forced to attend separate, poor schools. At school, blacks and whites used separate drinking fountains and restrooms with signs that said “For Colored Only” or “For Whites Only”. Martin contributed to fight for freedom and equality for all people so people got to have a better life.

We are fortunate that we do not really experience such unfairness in Hong Kong nowadays. Even we have students from all around the world at school, we are all united and treat each other fairly and politely.

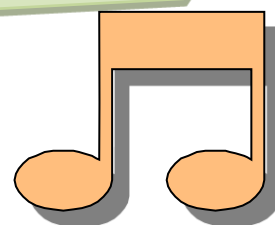


Hello everyone! You want students to be totally excited about their education, well, **English Performing Arts (EPA)** is here to help make that happen. At the beginning of EPA lesson, Grade 1 students are introduced to four main components. They are Drama, Music, Voice and Movement/Dance. Students can learn these four components in one year.



Grade ONE (1), **EPA** is an integrated curriculum. Grade 1, English Language curriculum was incorporated into grade ONE 1, curriculum. We have lessons that compares current music to music from the past, lesson that connects movement and music, lessons about voice and pitch, and lessons that focuses on the children's drama skills. You'll find plenty of activities to keep our students engaged while they play drama activities, dancing and singing songs that build language and critical thinking skills.

Let's have a look at some photos and upcoming events.





We are learning to sing and dance to songs. We learnt "The More We Get Together" and "Let's Clean Up", and we will be learning "The People Song" and "Who Are the People in Your Neighbourhood". We had lots of FUN!



Students' Writing!



Halloween

Halloween is a great festival. People believe that ghosts and witches are free on Halloween. People like to scare the ghosts and witches away in this festival.

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They also make cookies and Jack-O-lanterns on Halloween. They go door to door to play "Trick or Treat". They give candies and cookies to one another.

By Michael Ye (2C)



Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn Festival is a special day because the families can gather together, eat tasty moon cakes, play lanterns and admire the moon!

Mid-Autumn Festival has many things to do! People usually celebrate it in the gardens and in parks.

The festival usually starts on the 15th of August of the Chinese calendar.

People usually celebrate it at home or in the garden because people like a clean place to celebrate.

People usually gather in big family groups to admire the round moon.

Children buy lanterns and they are powered by electricity.

By Macario Sin (2M)



😊 HALLOWEEN 😊

People celebrate Halloween because they want to have some silly fun. They also want to scare evil spirit away.

People celebrate it on 31st October every year.

People celebrate it anywhere like Ocean Park and Black Disneyland.

People celebrate it in many ways like dressing up in costumes like vampire costumes. They also get candy. And they have creepy sleepovers.

By Demelsa (2B)



Mid-autumn Festival

The origin of Mid-autumn Festival is that farmers celebrated good harvesting. It falls on the 15th of the eighth lunar month.

Nowadays, people celebrate the festival at home, in a park or on a peak with their families. Some people choose to celebrate the festival in a mountain because they think that they can watch the moon more clearly there. They eat mooncakes, starfruits and pears. Besides food, they drink tea. They drink tea especially after eating mooncakes.

During Mid-autumn, children play with lanterns. Many of them even burn wax for fun. However, if they do, they will be fined. It is not legal to burn wax in Hong Kong.

By Cyrus Tong, 2P



Mid-autumn Festival

People celebrate Mid-autumn Festival because they want to admire the beauty of the moon. They have a great time for family reunion.

They celebrate the festival on 15th August of the Chinese calendar every year.

People celebrate this festival at home or at the park. They can celebrate it anywhere they like.

To celebrate the festival, children play lanterns or glow sticks. People eat mooncakes and fruit. They also admire the bright full moon. People gather and have a big family dinner.

By Gaile Lam (2W)



Around the CAMPUS



