



Summer Courses
7th July - 28th August 2008

Build up your English language skills this summer

NEW COURSES!

Literature & Writing

- to generate an understanding and appreciation of English Literature
- to increase students' ability to read with understanding and learning
- to improve general thinking skills, especially analysis and synthesis
- to increase ability to listen and speak effectively in a variety of situations

Activity Course (1.5 hours)

- to reinforce learning through fun activities
- to practice your English
- to talk about discussion and generate lively topics
- to read games

Phonics, Listening & Comprehension (1.5 hours)

- to improve listening and reading skills
- to build confidence with listening & speaking
- to improve vocabulary and increase knowledge

Hong Kong Weather - Did you know?

The lowest temperature recorded at the Observatory is 0°C (January 18 1893), although sub-zero temperatures and frost occur at times on high ground and in the New Territories.



Since 1905 when the Hong Kong Observatory began making records of locally felt earth tremors and up to 2008, a total of 163 earth tremors of various intensities were felt in Hong Kong, all without casualty.

The highest recorded wind speed was gusts of 259 km/h at HK Observatory and 284 km/h at Tate's Cairn (Typhoon Wanda, September 1, 1962).

On Saturday 7th June 2008, 145mm of rain dumped on Hong Kong from 8 to 9am, the highest hourly rainfall since records began. The wettest month is August, when rain occurs about four days out of seven and the average monthly rainfall at the Observatory is 391.4 millimetres.

The driest month is January, when the monthly average is only 23.4 millimetres and rain falls only about six days a month. The Hong Kong Observatory has received four reports of snow and they were on the 2nd February 1967, 13th December 1967, 29th January 1971 and 14th December 1975.

September Time Changes

The application forms for September time changes have been handed out by the centres. Please return the forms as soon as possible to ensure that your child secures a place in the new term. Please schedule your child's lesson with RTL before 29th July. If changes need to be made after this date RTL staff will do their best to accommodate these changes. In order to keep our records up to date, we would appreciate it if you could up-date your contact details on the September Time Change form.

We look forward to seeing you all in the new term.



HONG KONG BOOK FAIR 23 - 29 July 2008

Why not pay a visit to the Hong Kong Book Fair during the summer holidays! The event will be held at the Hong

Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wanchai. Last year there were over 450 booths exhibiting books and publications, children's audio-visual learning aids and educational software among other things.

The admission charges are as follows:

Adult - HK\$25

Child - HK\$10 (primary students)

Under 3 years old and elderly will be admitted free of charge. Tickets can be purchased at the venue each day before 1pm.

Idioms

Choose and underline the correct animal:

- Don't let the (dog / parrot / cat) out of the bag.
 - Don't tell anyone the secret.
- This village is going to the (dogs / rabbits / birds).
 - Things in this village are getting worse.
- She's an early (bird / duck / pigeon).
 - She gets up early.
- I felt like a (duck / shark / fish) out of water.
 - I felt terribly awkward.
- To be top (fox / dog / horse).
 - To be the most important in the group.
- She made a (cow / pig / sheep) of herself.
 - She ate too much.
- We'll be waiting till the (sheep / cows / pigeons) come home.
 - We'll have to wait a very long time.
- He drinks like a (fish / rat / parrot).
 - He drinks a lot of alcohol.
- He's the black (cat / horse / sheep) of the family.
 - He is the member of the family who is an embarrassing failure.

7) cows	8) fish	9) sheep
4) fish	5) dog	6) pig
1) cat	2) dogs	3) bird

ANSWERS

Events Calendar 2008

1st July - HKSAR Establishment Day - RTL Closed

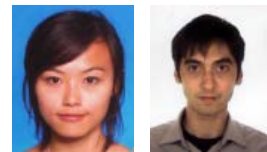
7th July - RTL Summer School 2008 Start

29th July - Return of Sept 2008 Time Change Form

Farewell to Mr. Anthony and Miss Winnie

Anthony will soon be leaving RTL and we would like to take the opportunity to say 'Thank You' for your years of valuable service to the company. He is moving on to a job in the financial sector and both the staff and his students wish him the best of luck!

Winnie is also leaving RTL and she is going travelling for a couple of months. Thank you for your time at RTL and we all wish you the best of luck with your future endeavours.



Spotlight on Mr David and his class

Mr David describes this class as a pleasure to teach. The group works well together, learning from each others individual skills. The class will soon be starting Level 10.



Humphrey Ho has been coming to RTL for one year now. He likes the phonics page and enjoys learning how to decode new, challenging words. He hopes to take some time during the summer holiday to play computer games.



Anson Lam has been attending lessons at RTL since February 2005. He loves giving presentations and talking in front of the class. Often, he will research and prepare his presentations on the computer at home! He will enjoy part of his summer holiday in Australia.



Niki Lee started at RTL this year. She also likes the reading page as reading is one of her strengths. She has been working very hard recently and is looking forward to relaxing during the summer holiday.



Joey Lau began at RTL in February 2001. She thinks that the Woodbridge story is fun and likes learning new words. She hopes to spend her summer holiday playing with her friends.

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