

Mouse and Me!

Dear Parents,

This year your child will learn English using *Mouse and Me!* They will learn lots of English words and some useful phrases, as well as singing many songs and talking in English to Mouse, the course puppet. They will listen to stories about Daisy and Robin's adventures as the characters dress up in different costumes and are swept up into exciting worlds, fuelled by their imaginations. They will have the opportunity to dress up themselves and share in these adventures.

As you know, young children learn in many different ways, sometimes listening to stories or working quietly at their tables, and sometimes being more physically active. The extensive resources supporting this course will help your child fulfil their potential as they respond to and gain from a variety of different activities: interacting with the Mouse puppet, the flashcards and the digital resources, listening to Daisy and Robin's adventures in the Big Story Books, playing games to practise the new language, watching the rich footage on the DVD, and completing the worksheets in the Student Book.

Learning a language isn't just about learning words, it's also about understanding and respecting other people and relating to them in a positive way. The stories in *Mouse and Me!* help the children to think about life from the perspective of different people in our world, and they all contain simple moral messages and values (e.g. working together, helping others in need and being careful) which will develop your child's emotional understanding.

Language learning is an organic process, and it goes beyond what happens in the classroom. Even if you don't speak much English, your support and encouragement are hugely valuable, and *Mouse and Me!* provides many opportunities for you to be involved in your child's learning. Play the songs and watch the story animations, which you can find online at www.oup.com/elt/mouseandme, with your child when you get the chance, and talk to them about what they're learning in their English lessons. You can further support your child's learning by using the Lingokids™ *Mouse and Me!* app which contains *Mouse and Me!* story animations, live-action songs, cross-curricular animated clips, and interactive vocabulary practice.

Please do not hesitate to ask me anything about your child's progress this year, and thank you very much in advance for contributing to your child's learning experience.

Yours sincerely,

English teacher

