

## K2 THEME 7: LET'S EXPLORE. (04<sup>th</sup> Mar. to 05<sup>th</sup> Apr.)

Our seventh topic of the year focuses on exploring the world around us, both locally and abroad.

### THEME LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Imagination, real, explore, discover, pretend, why, what, when, how, solve, scientist, problem, clue, nature, adventure, pattern.

Songs: 'We're going on a bear hunt' and 'Cha Cha slide.'

This theme the teachers will have the opportunity to explore fun and interesting facts with the children. They will learn about how they can use their imaginations to explore. The first book they will read is titled, 'We're going on a lion hunt.' The teacher will show the children different actions they can perform during the reading of the book. The teacher will also make instruments that imitate some of the sounds in the book. This will all help the children imagine that they themselves are on the lion hunt. The children will then do some exploring like scientists by asking the correct questions, to ensure they get fact rich answers. They will read the book, 'Ada Twist, scientist,' and play the game, 'Guess the animal.' The sweet book, 'Marti and the mango' will also help them learn about questions and clues. The teacher will create a, 'Guess what's in the box,' box and give the children different clues to help them guess what's inside. The classes will learn how to be great scientists by practising a real science experiment in class, using yeast. Towards the end of the theme, the teacher will then focus on exploring patterns in nature. The children will read the book, 'We're going on a nature hunt' and will spend time outside, exploring nature together.

During our Festival of Colours, the children will have further opportunities to discover the world. They will learn about different cultures and how people celebrate birthdays differently around the world. They will read a book titled, 'Same, same but different,' highlighting that even though we might look and do similar things, they might be slightly different in a number of ways, based on our culture. Throughout the festival, the classes will learn a dance which they will then perform on the last day, when they have a Festival of Colours party. They will make their own class flag, make traditional food and listen to worldly music. Great fun!

### ART LESSONS *(sample to the right may vary from actual art work)*

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making a static electricity butterfly. The classes will also make beautiful class flags for the Festival of colours. And lastly, to celebrate Spring, they will make a beautiful cherry blossom Chinese lantern.



### MATH & READING LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: More, fewer, smaller, greater, less, than, add, plus, sum, all together, equal.

Songs: 'We go together.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by learning about greater than and less than. The teacher will use plates of fruits, with different quantities and craft crocodiles to illustrate this concept. They will also start to learn how to add numbers 1-10. The teacher will use tapped circles on the floor and connecting cubes to help the children understand the concept. They will also get lots of practise with doing exercises in their math workbooks. The classes will then learn how to use a number line to help them add numbers together. This is a great tool.

In their reading line lessons, the children will read the books, 'A bat and a rat' and 'At a farm.'