

## N 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: Touch, feel, hard, soft, rough, smooth, heavy, light, hot, cold, float, sink, Spring, flower, sun, rain, grow, pretty.

Songs: 'Five senses song,' 'That's how the drawing goes' and 'Spring is here.'

This theme the teachers will have the opportunity to explore fun and interesting facts with the children. In N, they will review the opposites they learnt in PN. The teacher will place different items in a feely bag and the children will come up, choose an item and then describe it, based on the way it feels, hard, soft, rough, smooth etc. They will also have fun outside, exploring heavy and light objects. They will play a game where they each have a turn to throw a heavy and light ball, seeing which goes further. They will explore hot and cold with warm water, ice as well as hot and cold drinks. The teacher will take the children outside once more, to explore how some objects sink and others float in water.

This theme we will also have the opportunity to explore different countries and cultures, during our Festival of Colours. Teachers will read the books, 'Hello world' and 'Children around the world,' to illustrate how, even though we are the same in many ways, we also have many differences: Clothes, hair, traditions etc. They will watch a fun video titled, 'Travel around the world with Pacca Alpaca and play a new Australian game, 'Skippyroo Kangaroo.' The children will also find out about weather, animals and different music around the world. They will make a Kazoo and a Rain Stick, two American designed instruments. We look forward to your participation in our festival.

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun exploring different ways to paint, using leaves, sponges, thread, coloured ice etc, instead of paint brushes. They will also celebrate Spring by making a flower artwork. Beautiful!



### MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Together, find, right, bush, flower, colour, type, person, vehicle, ingredients, food, mix, similar, different, group, wild, pet, fish.

Songs: 'Stand up, sit down' and 'Happy Days.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by looking at things that go together. The teacher will start with flowers, matching the flower to its bush, using picture cards and real flowers. They will then look at people and their vehicles, eg. a fireman and his fire truck or a pizza delivery man and his pizza van. They will then have fun looking at the ingredients that go together to make different dishes, eg. fruit in a fruit salad or flour, sugar, chocolate etc for a cake. The children will then get the opportunity to make their own pizzas using felt shapes. Towards the end of the theme they will move on to things that are similar but different. For instance, fish, cats and birds. All fish look similar but they each have specific characteristics which make them unique. The classes will read the books, 'Pout pout fish,' 'Goodnight birds' and 'Animal family albums – cats.'

In their reading line lessons, the children will learn about the letters P and Q. They will read the books, 'Seven pigs' and 'Quack, quiet, quick!'