

K2 THEME 8: MAKE IT, BUILD IT. (08th Apr. to 03rd May.)

Our eighth topic of the year is all about dreaming big and creating something even bigger.

THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Tools, help, easier, whisk, thermometer, hanger, grater, magnifying glass, make, craft, calligraphy, clay, painting, imagination, explore, ideas, invention, re-use, recycle, waste, material, demolish, break, destroy, re-build.

Songs: 'Rock around the clock,' 'This is the way we build a house' and 'The invention song.'

With our theme being, 'Make it, build it,' the K2 classes will start off by looking at some basic tools that make our lives easier every day. Classes will then explore how they can make and build crafts with their hands. Reading the book, 'Crafts,' will give them some examples and show them the different materials one can use to create masterpieces. The teacher and the children will work together to make woven fish! Very beautiful! Being creative and building things has also led to many wonderful and amazing inventions. The classes will read about an imaginative boy who dreams up his idea of the perfect house, with rooms so amazing, it's hard to believe. The children will then get an opportunity to dream up and draw a fabulous version of their favourite room in the house. The lovely book, 'Rosie Revere Engineer,' will also show the children that if you are passionate about something and never give up, you can make it a reality. Towards the end of the theme the classes will turn their focus to the environment. They will learn how to re-use and recycle and how they can help protect our planet. Together they will build a neighbourhood of houses, all out of recyclable materials. Lastly the children will learn about demolition and how we often destroy old, unsafe buildings and build new ones in their place. They will have fun playing with a pretend wrecking ball too.

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making their own, beautifully decorated, hot air balloon, as well as a kite, which they will enjoy flying outside. For Earth Day, they will make an artwork showing their love for planet earth.

Lastly, a gift for Mom on Mother's Day. A beautiful card to show just how much they care.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Subtract, minus, difference, left, equal, add, plus, sum, all together, skip, miss, count, next.

Songs: 'Zum gali gali' and 'My whole body can move.'

The teachers will start this theme by fine tuning their subtraction skills, they started learning in the previous theme. They will then move onto learning how to add and subtract bigger numbers. The teachers will use games, number lines, counting boards and math workbooks to help the children understand these two important concepts. The children will also get lots of practise as the teachers extend these concepts in the Math learning center area, where hands on activity will build skill and confidence. Towards the end of the theme they will move onto skip counting. The children will have fun learning how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

In their reading line lessons, the children will read the books, 'Pam and a map' and 'A lot of dogs.' These books will help them learn the phonograms, -am and -ot.