

## K2 THEME 9: ANIMALS AND WHERE THEY LIVE. (06<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May)

During our ninth topic of the year we explore the beautiful and interesting world of animals.

### THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Animals, wild, zoo, pets, conserve, forest, rainforest, roaming, spider monkey, sloth, dolphin, caiman, iguana, savannah, explore, rhino, giraffe, eagle, antelope, leopard, hippo, hyena, desert, coyote, scorpion, owl, tortoise, snake, quail, lizard, hawk arctic, polar bear, walrus, seal, narwhal, beluga, whale, blubber, pond, reeds, minnow, crayfish, turtle, bullfrog, beaver, otter.

Songs: 'Jungle boogie,' 'This is the savannah,' 'If I were an animal,' 'Paw Paw polar bear' and 'Swan on the pond.'

With this theme focussing on animals, the K2 classes will start by discussing wild animals and where they belong, teaching the children the importance of conservation. The wonderful book, titled, 'Dear Mr Blueberry,' conveys this in a very sweet way. The classes will then spend time exploring different animal habitats. They will find out about some of the animals that enjoy living in each habitat and why the habitat is just right for them. Classes will read the following books, 'We're roaming the rainforest,' 'Lost in the land of Kachoo,' 'Desert day, desert night,' 'Arctic waters' and 'Over and under the pond.' Each book shows these habitats and some of the wonderful animals that live in them, in beautiful, colour rich images, with fun story lines. To experience these amazing habitats even further, the teacher will encourage the children to act out different activities and pantomime certain actions, making them feel like they are one of the animals living in the habitat that is just right for them. The teacher will also allow them to experience how blubber helps keep arctic animals warm in the icy waters, with a butter and ice water experiment. Such fun!

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun celebrating Spring by making a beautiful flower artwork. They will also learn more about Dragon Boat Festival by making a very intricate and beautiful dragon.



### MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Tens, count, ones, first, second, odd, even, share, spare, pair.

Songs: 'The number dance,' 'Cha cha slide' and 'Rock around the clock tonight.'

This theme teachers will expose the children to two new math concepts: Tens & Ones and Odd & Even numbers. For tens and ones, they will start by learning how to count in 10's all the way to 100! Building towers with connecting cubes will help make this learning experience fun! The teacher will then use a large counting board, games and practise worksheets to help the children understand the basics of place values, tens and ones. Teachers will then move onto the concept of odd and even numbers. Sharing out food, connecting blocks and or toys is a good way to introduce this topic. The book, 'Missing mittens,' also illustrates this very well and will help the children to understand. Lastly, they will learn a little poem, to help them remember their odd and even numbers. Perhaps you could practise it with them at home:

'An even number always makes a pair, so if you look around you will never see a spare. 2,4,6,8,10.  
however.....

An odd number always has a lonely one, when you try to share, as a pair, you will always have one spare. 1,3,5,7,9.'

In their reading line lessons, the children will read the books, 'It's fun to dig' and 'The bus,' teaching them the phonograms, -ig and -us.