

N THEME 1: FRIENDS AND SCHOOL (19th Aug. to 27th Sept.)

Our first topic of the year focuses on learning more about friends and school.

INTRODUCTION WEEKS

We use the first two weeks of school to gently ease the children into school life. The lessons therefore focus on making sure the children feel comfortable in their school environment. The children will spend time getting to know their friends, learning the daily routine and helping to decorate their new classroom. We will also review some of the key things the children learnt in Pre-Nursery, such as shapes and counting.

THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: School, friend, hello, name, play, rules, safe, share, game, fun, teacher, nurse, bus driver, guard, chef, door, table, mat, window, board, paint, markers, glue, scissors, books.

Songs: 'The more we get together' and 'Ring around the rosie.'

We will start off the year by reading a book called, 'Ming goes to school.' This book will help the children learn about what we do at school and how we can play with our friends. Teachers will also take their classes around the school to introduce them to some of the people that work at Newton. They will be encouraged to say hello and each person will show them some of the different tools they use every day to do their jobs. Back in the classroom the children will learn more about the different objects and tools in the classroom. The teacher will show them how to use the tools in the correct way. They will also read a book called, 'Adventure Annie,' which highlights some of the fun things we get to do and use at school. The children will learn some of the rules of the classroom, to make sure everyone has fun and stays safe. They will read the book, 'David goes to school,' about a little boy who never likes to follow the rules. Lastly, the teacher will focus on the topic of sharing, using the book, 'Llama Llama,' to illustrate this important skill. The children will play a fun group game using a parachute.

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

In their art lessons the children will make paintings of their friends, using their finger prints and sponges. They will also celebrate Autumn/Fall, by making a colourful tree, printing with sponges for the leaves.



MATH AND READING LINE LESSONS

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

Keywords: Colours, rainbow, soft, quiet, loud, sound, big, small.

Songs: 'I can sing a rainbow' and 'Make a circle.'

In their math lessons the children will start off by reviewing some colours they would have learnt last year in Pre-Nursery. The teacher will play a game using a hula hoop to ensure the lesson stays fun and interesting. The teacher will then introduce the concept of sounds. The children will read the sound book, 'Goodnight construction site,' helping them to learn about soft/quiet and loud sounds. The children will also explore with cylinders of water, noticing how, when filled to different heights, they make different sounds when tapped. The teacher will teach the concept of big and small, sorting objects from the classroom and using big and small animals to illustrate size differences.

The children will start learning the letters of the alphabet and in this first month they will focus on A, B and C. They will read the books, 'Ants', 'What can it be' and 'I can see.'