

PN THEME 4: HOME AND FAMILY (25th Nov. to 20th Dec.)

Our fourth topic of the year focuses on our families and why we love them.

THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Family, Mommy, Daddy, Brother, Sister, baby, child, gift, love, help, together, kitchen, bedroom, TV room, Christmas, Santa, gifts and lights.

Songs: 'The family song,' 'Sing the little song,' 'The chicken dance' and 'Rudolf the red nosed reindeer.'

This theme the teachers will introduce the main members of a family to the children. They will start by using the well-known Peppa Pig family, to illustrate this. The children will read the books, 'I love my baby Sister' and 'I love my baby Brother.' They will also look at the members within animal families. Teachers will use actual family photographs and finger puppets to help the children learn the names of the different members within a family unit.

They will then explore some of the typical items each family member will use, eg. A Dad often wears a tie. The teachers will bring these objects into class to show the children. This link to a physical object will assist them to recall the information they have learnt. The classes will read the book, 'Polar bear babies,' which will help the teacher to explain some of the things that parents help children to do and how parents look after their children.

Family routines and activities will be discussed, and role played by stuffed animals. Lastly, the teacher will introduce the house, where families live, and a few of the common rooms of a house. The book, 'Home for Bunny' will assist with this.

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun using jars and beans to make an, 'I love my family' artwork. They will also make a beautiful gift for their family by painting on a canvas frame (a great keepsake). Lastly, the children will celebrate some Christmas spirit by making a fingerprint Christmas light painting.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Colour, blue, red, yellow, purple, green, pink, black, brown and white.

Songs: 'Beanbag rock 'n roll.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by looking at different colours. They will help the teacher identify different coloured objects in the classroom and describe the colour of different objects pulled out of a feely bag, creating both excitement and suspense. The classes will also explore colours using balloons and will have fun in their learning centers, where they will play with colourful rainbows, coloured tubes and coloured pasta.

During their reading line lessons, the children will join the teacher in reading the book, 'My very 1st book of colours.' They will explore fun things like, blue birds and purple grapes, pantomiming different activities as they go.