

K2 THEME 4: HOME AND FAMILY (26th Nov. to 21st 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, care, celebrations, traditions, Cousin, Aunt, Uncle, members, help, special, house, home, shelter, hut, cabin, apartment, townhouse, bedroom, bed, dresser, book shelf, kitchen, stove, fridge, sink, living room, sofa, TV, table, dining room, chair, bathroom, toilet, mirror, bath tub and sink.

Songs: 'The family members song' and 'Skindamarink.'

This theme the children will learn about caring for family members and family traditions. The classes will read a book called, 'Pablo's tree,' where a Grandfather and his Grandson have a wonderful tradition of decorating a tree every year. The children will also be introduced to some extended members of the family, Cousins, Aunts and Uncles. They will read the book, 'The family book.' The book, 'The little bat,' will help to reiterate how members within a family care for one another. Teachers will also try to encourage children to help their parents at home. The children create their own helping hands book, which shows all the different ways they can help their family at home. The book, 'Shelter,' will show the children some of the different types of homes people live in. They will draw a picture of their own house. Lastly the classes will focus on the different rooms of the house and the typical items we find in these rooms. The teacher will ask the children to draw a picture of themselves in their favourite room at home, doing an activity they usually perform in that space.

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

In their art lessons the children will first design a photo frame for a family photo they bring into class. They will also make a beautiful 3D family tree and, to celebrate Christmas coming up, they will make a Christmas card with a puffy snowman on the front.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Weather, change, month, season, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring, clock, time, AM, PM, hour, minute, O'clock and half past.

Songs: 'Seasons song' and 'What is the time?'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by reviewing the seasons and then learning how to easily identify the names. The book, 'Skip through the seasons,' will help them to identify the key characteristics of each season. They will then focus on the changes that trees go through and the obvious things we can look for to help us decide what season it is. In this theme the children will also start learning about time. The classes will spend time looking a clock and learning hours, minutes and seconds. They will also learn what part of the day is referred to as AM and what part is referred to as PM. The teacher will start teaching them how to tell the time, focussing on O'clock and half past. They will do a number of exercises in their math workbooks to make sure they get lots of practice. They will also start learning how to write what the time is.

In their reading line lessons, the children will join the teacher in reading two wonderful books, 'I see it' and 'Who hid.'