

N 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, Mom, Dad, Brother, Sister, Grandpa, Grandma, thank you, help, hug, kiss, love, care, home, safe, warm, fun, play, dance, sing, eat, together, Santa, decorations, Christmas.

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

This theme the teachers will reiterate some of the names of the family members previously learnt in Pre-Nursery, as well as to introduce the Grandparents. Teachers will use stick puppets to show what the different family members typically look like and how they fit into the family framework. Children will be asked to bring in their family photos, for fun discussions and storytelling.

Classes will learn about how families care for each other and will read a book called, 'The I love you book,' pantomiming different caring actions as they go. Home is where the family lives. The children will learn how a home is a place where you feel safe and warm. They will also read a fun book called, 'Where do you live?' Lastly the classes will focus on some of the different activities and routines families do as a unit. They will have fun pantomiming some of these activities and reading the books, 'The thankful book' and 'Peppa Pig and the camping trip.'

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making a pasta 'thank you' necklace for Mom and Dad. They will paint and decorate the pasta themselves. They will also get ready for Christmas by making a beautiful Christmas tree decoration.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Count, numbers, learn, one – twenty, rainbow, colours, red, blue, yellow, purple, green, pink, black, brown, white and orange.

Songs: 'The number song' and 'I can sing a rainbow.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by continuing to learn to count to 20. They will read the book, 'Counting our way to Meine,' which is a lovely book that the children can get very involved in. The classes will play bunny hopping games, jumping from one number to the next and then also build a big tower out of connecting cubes, counting as they build. The teacher will review colours with the children. They will read the book, 'Grammy's rockin' colour rap-a-licious rap,' play 'eye spy' and, using paint, begin to understand that mixing two colours together can create one new colour.

In their reading line lessons the children will read books focussing on the letters, H,I and J. They will read, 'The happy hippo,' 'How many inches' and 'Jump.'