

K1 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, live, together, share, care, pet, love, thankful, house, different, move, apartment, neighbours, room, activity, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, dining room, living room, bed, dresser, bookshelf, bath tub, sink, toilet, mirror, stove, oven, fridge, table, chairs, sofa, TV, clean, Christmas.

Songs: 'The family members song,' 'See you later alligator,' 'Thank you Mom – Kids song' and 'Thank you Daddy.'

This theme the children will learn about the family tree and how family members are connected. They will read the book, 'Families, families, families,' which shows how families come in all different shapes and sizes. They will learn about how pets are part of the family too and will read the book, 'Five creatures.' The children will practice drawing their family and then make a house picture frame from sticks, to put their drawing into. Teachers will explain that families live in different types of homes and how we can move from one home to another when things in our family change. Classes will read the book, 'My home, your home,' identifying the similarities and differences between the homes of two boys living in different parts of the world. The teacher will explain the different rooms of the house and will ask the children to bring in a picture of themselves doing something in their favourite room of the house. They will read the book, 'At home.' The teacher will use a matching card game to help teach the children about the typical furniture items we find in each room of the house, helping us to identify which room it is. Lastly the classes will learn how to be helpful around the house. The teacher will show them how to set the table for a meal, suggesting that this might be something they could do at home to help their Moms and Dads.

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

In their art lessons the children will make thank you gifts for you. A colourful suncatcher for Mom, which should be hung up by a window, and a beautiful mosaic pattern heart for Dad. The children will also start getting ready for Christmas by making sponge print Christmas tree card.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Same, different, carefully, set, group, sort, count, together, pattern, repeat, objects, sand, drawing, nature, number, write, trace and follow.

Songs: 'My whole body can move,' 'Ten in a bed' and 'Once I caught a fish alive.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by learning how to sort into groups. The teacher will use recycling, clothes and toys to illustrate how to sort. The children will also play a fun group card game to help develop their sorting skills. They will then learn how to group by quantity using connecting cubes and images. Reading the book, 'Busy Bugs – A book about patterns,' will introduce the children to fun patterns. The children will learn about all the different ways we can make patterns, with objects, pictures, sounds etc. The children will also go outside to find different, wonderful patterns in nature. Lastly, the classes will focus on writing the numbers 1 – 10. The teacher will use a fun rhyme for each number, to help them remember the sequence in which to write each number. They will also play a fun team game.

In their reading line lessons, the children will join the teacher in reading two wonderful books, 'Ducky's surprise' and 'Monkey's monkey.'