

K2 THEME 3: EVERYTHING CHANGES (29th Oct. to 23rd Nov.)

Our third topic of the year focuses on how things in life grow and change.

THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Plant, different, ground, seed, soil, roots, stem, leaves, flower, tree, trunk, branches, cactus, butterfly, egg, larva, caterpillar, chrysalis, frog, tadpole, egg, life cycle, shed, slither, stretch, snake, hibernate.

Songs: "Head, shoulders, knees and toes", "The needs of a plant", "The planting song", "Cha cha slide", "In and out the dusky bluebells", "Fly, fly butterfly", "Hole in the middle of the pond" & "The hungry caterpillar".

This theme the children will learn about all the different things that grow and change. They will start by learning about plants and trees, and how they grow and change. The book, 'The tiny seed,' will show them how it all happens. They will also make a hanging mobile, showing each step, to remind them of the process. The classes will discover the names of the different parts of the plant and what each part does. The book, 'Pips garden,' will inspire them to plant their own seeds and look after them to ensure they grow into beautiful flowers. The teacher will recite and teach the children a poem called, 'The green grass grew all around.' During the second half of the theme, the teacher will focus on different animal life cycles: The butterfly, where the children will use pasta and paper plates to creatively show the lifecycle. They will also learn a cute caterpillar finger play. The frog, learning about how a tadpole loses his tail and grows legs. Hopefully the children will get to see this amazing transition, in our school pond towards the end of summer. The classes will then look at how snakes shed their skin and how different animals find different homes for the winter, where they can hibernate. They will read a beautiful book called, 'When the earth wakes up,' which shows the hibernation process.

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

In their art lessons the classes will make beautiful butterflies, using ink and coffee filters.

They will also create wonderful resistance paintings, using water colours and white pastel crayons.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: One – forty-nine, Monday – Sunday, day, week, weekend, today, tomorrow, yesterday, January – December, month, year, calendar, weather, change, stormy, foggy, cloudy.

Songs: "The number dance", "Days of the week", "Months of the year" & "How's the weather".

The children will continue their goal of learning how to count to 100. They will focus on the numbers 40 to 49. They will play a counting statues game and hide and seek, to use their counting skills. The classes will learn about the days of the week, what happens during the week, what types of things we do on weekends, what happens today, what happened yesterday and what will happen tomorrow. The teacher will also show them how they can recognize the names of the different days of the week. The teacher will make a bar graph using the children's birth dates, to teach them about the months of the year. They will also learn about different events that happen on the same day, every year. Lastly the children will discuss different weather conditions and what types of things they like to do when it's sunny or windy or rainy etc.

During their reading line lessons, the children will join the teacher in reading the books, "Not dots" and "Kangaroo rat". These books will teach the children the phonograms: -ot and -at.