

NURSERY 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: Day, night, wake, sleep, next, weather, change, hot, cold, sun, windy, snowy, rainy, sun, moon, sky, grow, need, food, exercise, sleep, water, bigger, plant, clouds, umbrella, seed, bean.

Songs: "The sun in the sky shines down on me", "The planting song", "The farmer plants the seed", "Jump down, turn around" & "Head, shoulders, knees and toes"

This theme the children will start learning about the days of the week. The teacher will do this by first ensuring that the children understand day time and night time. They will read a book about what happens during the day and what happens during the night. Learning that as one day comes to an end, a new day begins.

The children will also learn about changes in weather and begin to understand that we have seasons. They will pantomime different types of weather, make a weather chart and read a book about weather in different parts of the world.

The classes will learn what we need to grow and will pantomime the different things we do to help us grow big and strong.

To end the theme the children will read the books, 'Gus grows a plant' and 'Flower garden' to learn about how plants grow and change and how to appreciate them. They will also get the chance to plant their own fast-growing beans, to see first-hand how the plants change as they grow.

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

In their art lessons the children will make day and night art. They will make suns using cut toilet rolls and stars using cookie cutters. They will create rainy day umbrella art, using blue ink and craft sticks. Lastly, they will use paint and old soda bottles to design beautiful flower patterns.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Number, write, trace, follow, count, many, one – ten.

Songs: "One potato, two potato" & "How many monkeys".

The children will continue learning how to write numbers, focusing on the numbers 4 and 5. They will then review writing numbers 1 – 5. They will also use music, toys and a feely bag game to help them understand and review the value associated with these numbers. Number recognition and counting from 1 – 10 will also be a continued focus in this theme. The children will use their new skills in the learning centers, exploring with beads, pipe cleaners and felt pizza, cementing the above concepts.

During reading line lessons, the classes will focus on the letters F and G. They will read the books, 'Four furry feet' and 'Let's go!'