

N THEME 4: HOME AND FAMILY (23rd Nov. to 18th 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 someone they care about. 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 incredibly 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-alicious 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.'

N THEME 5: INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ME. (28th Dec. to 22nd Jan.)

Our fifth topic of the year focuses on our bodies. Our body parts, inside and outside and what they are used for.

THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Hair, shoulders, fingers, hands, knees, feet, body, parts, tail, fur, eyes, see, hands, touch, feel, ears, hear, mouth, taste, nose, smell, warm, cold, hot, soft, thick, thin, snow, sun, action, move, copy and fun.

Songs: 'The body song' and 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes.'

The teacher will start this theme by expanding on the body parts learnt in PN. The children will trace a body using blocks, learn a body parts chant and play, 'Simon says.' They will also learn that animal bodies are different to human bodies and why. They will compare Clifford the big red dog and his friend Emily, the little girl. The children will also play a fun game of, 'Pin the tail on the bunny.' The children will start learning about our sense of sight and touch. They will play the games, 'What is missing' and 'Feel the texture.' The teacher will also place awesome sensory bins in the learning center areas, for the children to play and explore further. The classes will then venture on to learn about hearing, smell and taste. The will make some drums, make scratch and sniff jelly powder samples and explore some fun flavours like sugar, salt and lemon. The teachers will extend this into the learning center areas with scented paint, shaving cream with sand etc. So much fun! In the last part of this theme the teachers will discuss the different clothes we wear on our bodies to protect them. The class will have fun pegging clothes up on a washing line in the classroom. Lastly, they will explore the way their bodies can move, reading a book called, 'Wind up the bobbin.'

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making faces out of playdough. They will also make a winter, woolly polar bear, using glitter and cotton balls.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Many, lots, toys, few, little, more, less, scale, jar, fill.

Songs: 'I have 10 penguins' and 'Make a circle.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by looking at the concept of many and few. They will play a game with toys and picture cards to help them understand. They will then move onto the comparison of two different quantities, learning the concepts of more and less. They will use picture cards and real objects, as well as a tipping scale to investigate this concept further. They will also have fun filling and comparing jars of different quantities, to determine which has more and which has less.

In their reading line lessons, the classes will explore the letters, K, L and M. They will read the following books with the teacher, 'Kevin kite,' 'Look,' and 'Where is the muffin?'

N THEME 6: MY COMMUNITY. (25th Jan. to 26th Feb.)

Our sixth topic of the year focuses on the communities we live in, exploring the different people and things we interact with on a daily.

THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: City, building, bridge, road, traffic, light, park, market, shop, buy, cart, bags, line, push, food, money, help, good, save, fire, bell, ladder, hose, plane, train, bus, car, bike, boat, beach, park, outside, kite, slide, run, jump and play.

Songs: 'My bonnie lies over the ocean,' 'Are you hungry?,' 'If you are happy and you know it,' 'The fire fighters ring the bell,' 'Vroom vroom family' and 'All around the mulberry bush.'

This theme the teacher will start by taking a closer look at the city and the things we find in it. The teacher will use blocks and picture cards to help create a visual representation of a city. The classes will also create actions for some of the different things we see in a city, helping the children to remember the words. They will read the book, 'Nana in the city,' which is a sweet book about a Grandmother and her Grandson exploring the city together. The children will also be given an opportunity to explore this topic further in the construction area, creating their own city. Later in the theme, the teacher will move on to exploring what we find at the store / market. The classes will learn a poem titled, 'To market, to market' and read the book, 'Market.' They will have fun using a mini shopping cart in the classroom to 'buy' classroom items, as they pretend to go shopping. This activity will be continued in the drama learning center area too. The teacher will then discuss the people that help within our community. They will focus on fire fighters and the amazing jobs they do everyday to keep people safe. The children will read a book titled, 'Little lost dog,' about a frightened, lost dog that gets saved by helpful people. The teachers will also discuss the different types of transportation one finds in their community and they will read the book, 'Getting around.' Lastly the classes will explore having fun in their community. They will read the book, 'Yes, let's,' all about what a family does when they go on a picnic.

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making a Valentine's Day card, using pegs and heart shapes. They will also make a vibrant police car and a colourful traffic light!



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Compare, young, old, new, safe, unsafe, hot, fire, fast, slow, same and different.

Songs: 'The ants go marching,' 'fast and slow' and 'Five speckled frogs.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by focusing on comparisons. The teacher will introduce the concept by comparing classroom objects and objects from home, classifying them as either young, new or old. They will then move onto comparing safe with unsafe as well as fast and slow. They will play a number of different games in class to make learning this concept fun. They will read the books titled, 'Old dog baby baby' and 'Please play safe.' They will also explore things outside, classifying them as the same or different.

In their reading line lessons, the children will learn about the letters, 'N' and 'O'. They will read the books titled, 'Nine' and 'Octopus gets the dives.'