

K2 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, care, celebrations, traditions, Cousin, Aunt, Uncle, members, help, special, house, home, shelter, hut, cabin, apartment, townhouse, bedroom, bed, dresser, book shelf, kitchen, stove, fridge, sink, living room, sofa, TV, table, dining room, chair, bathroom, toilet, mirror, bath tub and sink.

Songs: 'The family members song' and 'Skidamarink.'

This theme the children will learn about caring for family members and family traditions. The classes will read a book called, 'Pablo's tree,' where a Grandfather and his Grandson have a wonderful tradition of decorating a tree every year. The children will also be introduced to some extended members of the family, Cousins, Aunts and Uncles. They will read the book, 'The family book.' The book, 'The little bat,' will help to reiterate how members within a family care for one another. Teachers will also try to encourage children to help their parents at home. The children create their own helping hands book, which shows all the different ways they can help their family at home. The book, 'Shelter,' will show the children some of the different types of homes people live in. They will draw a picture of their own house. Lastly the classes will focus on the different rooms of the house and the typical items we find in these rooms. The teacher will ask the children to draw a picture of themselves in their favourite room at home, doing an activity they usually perform in that space.

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

In their art lessons the children will first design a photo frame for a family photo they bring into class. They will also make a beautiful 3D family tree and, to celebrate Christmas coming up, they will make a Christmas card with a puffy snowman on the front.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Weather, change, month, season, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring, clock, time, AM, PM, hour, minute, O'clock and half past.

Songs: 'Seasons song' and 'What is the time?'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by reviewing the seasons and then learning how to easily identify the names. The book, 'Skip through the seasons,' will help them to identify the key characteristics of each season. They will then focus on the changes that trees go through and the obvious things we can look for to help us decide what season it is. In this theme the children will also start learning about time. The classes will spend time looking at a clock and learning hours, minutes and seconds. They will also learn what part of the day is referred to as AM and what part is referred to as PM. The teacher will start teaching them how to tell the time, focussing on O'clock and half past. They will do a number of exercises in their math workbooks to make sure they get lots of practice. They will also start learning how to write what the time is.

In their reading line lessons, the children will join the teacher in reading two wonderful books, 'I see it' and 'Who hid.'

K2 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: Body, care, amazing, all body parts (inside and out), re-use, recycle, parts, animal, scales, fur, tail, fins, wings, feathers, horns, sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste, senses, nature, sport, learn, move, stretch, muscles.

Songs: 'Hokey pokey,' 'My whole body can move' and 'Five senses.'

The teacher will start this theme by reviewing the body parts the children learnt in previous grades, as well as how we can look after our bodies. The class will label a life size picture of a little girl or boy, with all the body parts they have learnt. They will also read the book, 'My amazing body' and complete a body count worksheet. The classes will then move onto discussing animal bodies, how and why they are different to human bodies. The teacher will read a fun book called, 'What if you had animal hair?' The children will have fun imagining themselves with a lion's mane or porcupine quills. The classes will then move onto exploring their five senses. They will learn a short poem to remind them of their senses and how they use them. The children will then go outside to experience nature through all their five senses. They will also have lots of fun making popcorn, experiencing it through their five senses and then describing their experiences on a worksheet. Lastly, the teacher will read a book titled, 'Ready, set, go!' Showing the children how they can use their bodies in many different ways and to do many different sporting activities.

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making body using recycled materials. They will then explore more their senses by using scented paint to paint different 'flavoured' ice-cream. Lastly, a celebration of winter, with some beautiful snowflake art!



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Money, buy, job, save, coins, notes, Yuan, wants, needs, RMB, Kwai, value, foreign, currency, number 1 – 100, number line, exactly.

Songs: 'Action song,' 'The number dance' and 'Let's count to 20.'

The teacher will start this theme's math lessons by discussing money, where it comes from and how we use it. The children will learn what the money is called in China and that money in other countries is called something different. The classes will read the book, 'Ella earns her own money.' The book, 'Lilly learns about wants and needs,' will help them to understand the difference and level of importance between the two. The teacher will also bring in different items and discuss the estimated value of each. Explaining to the children that not everything has the same worth. For example, a house is worth a lot more than a bicycle and so will cost more money. The children will end off the theme by playing some number games, learning to count all the way to 100. They will also learn about number lines, also how to make their own.

In their reading line lessons, the children will read the following books with the teacher, 'What is big?' and 'Hop in.' Teaching the children the phonograms, 'ig' and 'op.'

K2 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:

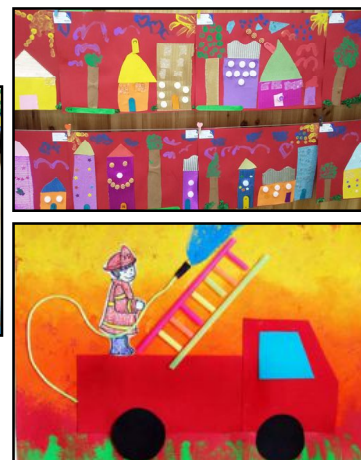
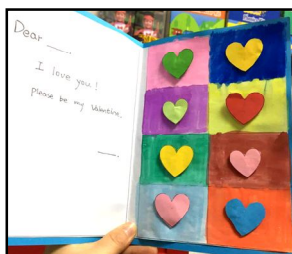
Keywords: Street, neighbourhood, shop, building, factory, bridge, playground, traffic, light, book, toy, pet, music, shoe, clothing, grocery, shop, store, wear, play, eat, drink, people, neighbour, policeman, owner, painter, baker, fireman, security, guard.

Songs: 'Row your boat,' 'Step to the store,' 'Happy days' and 'I've been working on a fire truck.'

This theme the teacher will start by looking at the many different things we see on our street. Things like, bridges and roads and factories and playgrounds. The teacher will show the children how to draw simple images of these and then together the class will create a beautiful neighbourhood drawing. The classes will then focus on the many different types of stores we find in our neighbourhood. They will read the book, 'Store' and learn two poems, 'Step to the store' and 'Buckles and bows.' The teacher will then move onto more detail, where she will teach the children how we can categorise items within a store. The book, 'George's store at the shore,' will help them to do this. We also see many different types of people in our neighbourhood. The teacher will read a really fun book called, 'The rain came down,' about all the hard-working people in the city trying to do their jobs whilst the rain just keeps pouring down. Lastly, the teacher will focus on the people in our neighbourhood that help to keep everyone safe and happy. The children will learn a fun poem, with actions, about working on a fire truck. They will also write a kind note to their neighbour, saying thank you for all their help.

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 paint and hearts. They will also make a colourful neighbourhood drawing using re-used and recyclable materials and have fun making a painting of a vibrant fire truck.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Numbers, number line, count, before, after, forwards, backwards, bigger, smaller, small, less, take away, more, greater, add.

Songs: 'Let's count to 20,' 'Number dance,' 'Are you hungry?' and 'Ten in a bed.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by looking at numbers that come before and after. For instance, what comes before and after the number 15? 14 and 16. The teacher will encourage the children to make a human number line and assign a number to each of them, to help them understand this concept in a fun way. For instance, John (14) is before Paul (15) but Peter (16) is after Paul. They will then learn about counting back and will make a rocket, counting down to blast off. The teacher will explain that as we count forwards the numbers get bigger but when we count backwards the numbers get smaller. This will assist the teacher in explaining how more/bigger = greater and how smaller = less, introducing the 'more than' and 'less than' concepts. They will play fun games with hula hoops, water and cubes.

In their reading line lessons, the children will learn the phonograms, '-un' and '-en' through the books, 'Run sid run' and 'Ten pens.'