

K2 THEME 6: MY COMMUNITY (28th Jan. to 01st Mar.)

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 *Step to the 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 art work)*

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 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, 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.'