

N THEME 5: INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ME (31st Dec. to 25th 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 fingers' 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?'