

K1 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: City, transport, highway, bridge, taxi, van, trucks, fire, delivery, dump, cement, bus, double decker, tourist, luxury, shuttle, train, move, railway, track, station, ticket, car, wheel, window, lights, steering, engine, gas, plane, fly, wings, airport, security, vacation, pilot, runway.

Songs: 'Transportation song,' 'Car song' and 'Vacation song.'

This theme the teacher will start by looking at the city and all the different ways we get around it. They will read a funny book titled, 'You can't take an elephant on a bus.' The teachers will then spend each subsequent lesson focussing on a different form of transport. They will start with trucks, explaining to the children all the different ways each truck helps the community. The book, 'Trucks' will help to show this. Then, busses! Who knew there were so many types of busses? The teacher will show the children some of the different types of busses we might find in a city, what they are used for and how they help the community. Reading the book titled, 'Bus ride' will give the children a deeper look into one particular type of bus. The children will then learn all the steps we need to take before we can board a train to go somewhere. They will also read the book, 'Trains on the move,' which will show them beautiful pictures of all the different trains there are. The last form of transport the classes will discuss, is the airplane. The children will have the opportunity to tell the class about when they went on an airplane and where they went to. The class will read the book, 'My first airplane ride!'

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 shaped toilet rolls. They will also make colourful cars and an airplane!



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Compare, size, big, bigger, biggest, small, smaller, smallest, size, order, first, last, row, 1st – 10th (-st, -nd, -rd, -th), space, fit, reach, aim and hit.

Songs: 'Those magnificent men in their flying machines,' 'Ten green bottles' and 'BINGO (with variations).'

The children are aware of simple math concepts at this stage but the teachers will now take these to the next level by using comparisons. They will start by comparing size, big; bigger; biggest. The teacher will use posters, picture cards, actual objects and the book, 'I'm the biggest thing in the ocean,' to teach this comparison. They will then practise their new skills using a worksheet. The classes will then go in the other direction, small; smaller; smallest. They will read the book, 'The smallest animals.' Classes will then have fun placing many items in order of size from biggest to smallest and vice versa. The teachers will also review 'first and last' in a series. The children will get to have balloon races in the classroom. The book, '10 little caterpillars' will help to teach them the ordinal positions from 1 – 10. Lastly the teacher will focus on spatial awareness. The classes will play two fun games, 'bubble pop' and 'hula hoop toss.' They will also do experiments to see, 'will it fit?'

In their reading line lessons, the children will read the books, 'At the park' and 'This is my day!'