

## K1 THEME 8: MAKE IT, BUILD IT. (08<sup>th</sup> Apr. to 03<sup>rd</sup> May.)

Our eighth topic of the year is all about dreaming big and creating something even bigger.

### THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Build, create, pretend, dream, imagination, machine, easier, wedge, ramp, lever, pulley, wheel, make, tools, axe, saw, hammer, nails, bricks, cement, construct, weak, strong.

Songs: 'There's a hole in the ceiling,' 'This is the way we build a house' and 'Magnificent men and their flying machines.'

With our theme being, 'Make it, build it,' the classes start off by looking at how they can use their imaginations to build and create wonderful things. The teacher will read the book titled, 'Dreaming up,' which shows how we can use different materials to build replicas of amazing architecture around the world. Classes will also read the book, 'The magnificent thing,' where a little girl doesn't give up on building her big idea and finally creates something great, out of not very much at all. The children will then get the opportunity to learn about some simple machines that help to make our lives easier and more efficient. They will look at simple things like a stapler, simple but very handy! The book, 'Simple machines,' explains concepts such as a lever, wheel or pulley and how these simple machines work hard to make it easier and faster for us. Lastly the classes will learn what is needed to build a house. The books titled, 'Let's build a house' and 'Construction site,' will show them step by step how it is done and what tools and materials are needed to build. The children will have fun pantomiming some of the building actions, they will learn a poem about construction and will also explore with different strength materials to see which ones would be good and strong enough to build with.

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making stamps out of recyclable material and then painting a robot, using the stamps. Classes will also celebrate Earth Day by creating a piece of art, showing just how much they love the world they live in. Towards the end of the theme, teachers will assist the children in making beautiful Mother's Day cards to show our special moms just how much we appreciate them.



### MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Add, together, count, plus, symmetry, side, same, line, half, middle.

Songs: 'The animals went in two by two' and 'Count and move.'

The teachers will start this theme by very simply introducing the children to the concepts of addition and subtraction. Actual equations, using symbols etc will not be done, however they will learn and begin to understand the building blocks for this. The books, 'What's new at the zoo' and 'What's the difference,' will allow the children some good practise time with these concepts. The teachers will also show physical examples of adding on and taking away to help children understand. Towards the end of the theme classes will turn their focus to symmetry. They will play a fun team game where they need to work together to create symmetrical shapes with coloured markers or straws. They will also create a cool symmetrical monster!

In their reading line lessons, the children will read the books, 'My week' and 'At work.'