

## PN THEME 7: LET'S EXPLORE. (04<sup>th</sup> Mar. to 05<sup>th</sup> Apr.)

Our seventh topic of the year focuses on exploring the world around us, both locally and abroad.

### THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Touch, hard, soft, rough, smooth, paint, string, pull, twist, heavy, light, hot, cold, loud, quiet, Spring, flowers, pink.

Songs: 'Open, shut them;' 'Teddy bear' and 'Spring is here.'

This theme the teachers will have the opportunity to explore fun and interesting facts with the children. In PN, they will explore some opposites. First, hard and soft. The teacher will first explore different hard and soft items in the classroom and then the children will have the opportunity to adventure outside and do the same. The teacher will let them experience the opposites, rough/smooth and heavy/light, in the same way. The children will do many activities to ensure they understand the concepts and get to interact with the different textures and weights. They will separate a pile items into two groups depending on how it feels. The children will get to experience the difference between hot and cold as the teacher allows them to interact with a bowl of warm water and ice blocks. They will also read the book, 'Hot and cold dinosaur school,' discovering many different hot and cold day to day items. Lastly, they explore with sound, comparing loud and quiet sounds, with a fun book and classroom instruments.

This theme we will also have the opportunity to explore different countries and cultures, during our Festival of Colours. Teachers will read books to their classes about, different colours, babies, hairstyles and games around the world. They will also have fun dancing and singing to music from different countries. We look forward to your participation in our festival.

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun exploring different ways to paint, using string, ice, rice, salt and food colouring, instead of paint! They will also celebrate Spring by making a flower blossom artwork. Beautiful!



### MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Number, one – five, count, holiday, fun, sea, waves, sun, beach.

Songs: 'The number song' and 'The vacation song.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by reviewing quantity and number recognition. They will practise these skills by completing a fun worm worksheet, where they have to glue on the correct number of shiny sequins to make the worms body. The teacher will also ask for the children's help to add the right number of dots to the little lady bug's wings. The teacher will prepare a numbered parking garage and will ask the children to park the numbered cars in the correct spots. They will have a number of opportunities throughout this theme to review and practise these skills, through worksheets and hands on play.

In their reading line lessons, the children will learn about holidays. They will read the book, 'I love holidays.' The teacher will use Summer time objects from home and the classroom to explain. They will also discuss the images in a Summer poster and identify all the essential items one needs for a fun holiday at the beach!