

## K1 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: World, countries, places, different, map, discover, adventure, float, boat, cork, wood, sail, sink, fossil, stone, soil, old, time, bones, dig, museum, skeleton, learn, explore, tools, scientist and experiment.

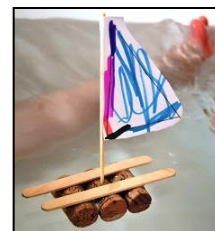
Songs: 'Hello to all the children of the world,' 'When dinosaurs lived on earth' and 'It's a small world after all.'

This theme the teachers will have the opportunity to explore fun and interesting facts with the children. With the Festival of Colours in the middle of this theme, the classes will start by exploring the world. The teacher will show the class a big world map and each child will be able to tell and show the class where they are from. They will read the book, 'At the same moment around the world.' They will learn how to say hello in other languages through song, 'Hello to all the children of the world.' The classes will talk about adventure, exploring and how you can discover new and exciting things when visiting different countries. They will be able to see some of this in the book, 'How to make an apple pie and see the world.' During the second week of this theme classes will focus on the interesting exploration of the past and how we can figure out lots of different facts about the past, by looking at fossilised bones. The children will learn a poem titled, 'dinosaur bones' and they will read a book titled, 'Bones, bones, bones.' Each class will contribute to a museum table, made up of old items brought from home, to put on exhibit. The children will also read the book, 'Museum' to understand more about what happens there. The children will have great fun pretending to be archaeologists, digging for bones the teacher has hidden in the sand pit outside. The classes will end off the theme by looking more closely at what tools a scientist needs to explore and discover. They will read the books, 'Science tools' and 'Charlotte the scientist is squished.' They will explore using different science tools in the classroom and also do an experiment, placing gummy bear sweets into different solutions, to see how they react.

During our Festival of Colours, the children will have further opportunities to discover the world. They will learn about different cultures, reading the books, 'Whoever you are,' 'What we wear' and 'Throw our tooth on the roof.' This last book shows how families around the world have different traditions when children's teeth fall out. During the festival the children will learn a Malaysian dance, which they will perform on the final day of the festival. On this day they will also have a Festival of Colours party, with traditional food, flags, games and music. So much fun!

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making a boat that actually floats. The teacher will take the children outside and they will get the opportunity to test their creations in the school pond and canal. They will also create a pretend fossil from plaster of paris. Lastly, the children will create lovely Chinese flower scrolls to celebrate Spring. Beautiful!



### MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Follow, direction, forwards, backwards, sideways, up, down, position, on, off, on to, under, in, out, before, after, in front, behind, number, birthday, candles, age, letters, name, days, weeks, Mon – Sun, next and calendar.

Songs: 'If you are a kid, dance around,' 'The number dance,' 'Days of the week' and 'Months of the year.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by learning about direction and positional words. A continuation from last theme's, ordinal positions and spatial awareness. The teacher will make an obstacle course and teachers and friends will guide each other through the course using the words they have learnt. The classes will also explore numbers in everyday life. They will focus on the days of the week and the calendar, learning to update this on a daily basis. They will read the books, 'Frog on a log,' 'The hungry caterpillar' and 'Hap-peas all year round.'

In their reading line lessons, the children will read the books, 'The Acorn' and 'Water.'